

طوطي نامه

THE

TOOTI NAMEH,

OR

TALES OF A PARROT:

IN THE

PERSIAN LANGUAGE,

WITH

AN ENGLISH TRANSLATION.

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The learned Orientalist will allow, that, to render into English such subjects with any degree of success, is no pleasant or easy task, on account of the difficulty of accommodating the sense to a different idiom, so as to preserve the spirit of the original, and at the same time avoid the ridiculous extremes of insipidity or bombast; and, therefore, such a critic will readily grant indulgence to a translation, which pretends to no merit but that of faithfulness and perspicuity.

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم

بعد از جنس جنس ثنا و صفت پيدا كنندهٔ
آسمان و زمين كيفيت و حقيقت اين است كه
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شدن همه مردمان محمد قادري اصلح الله شانه در
عبارت سليس و اسان كه مشتمل بر عبارت
خطوط باشد و روزمره جواب و سوال كه دولتمندان را
لايق باشد نوشته است يكي از دهتان مسطور
اين است

In the Name of the most merciful God!

After *bestowing* every kind of eulogy and praise on the Creator of heaven and earth, *we proceed to set forth* the nature and true intent *of these pages, which* is this. The narrations, tales, and fables of Hazerut Nekhsheby, (the mercy of the Almighty rest upon him!) in the Tootinameh, or Tales of a Parrot, being composed in a difficult and abstruse style, Mahommed Kadery (may God amend his condition!) for the sake of distinctness and illustration, and in order to render them intelligible to all *descriptions of* men, has written them in familiar and easy language, so as to comprise the epistolary style and ordinary conversation befitting persons of high rank. This is one of the above-mentioned Tales.

قصهٔ اول در پیدایش میمون و عاشق شدن خجسته

یکي از دولتمندان پیشین که احمد سلطان نام داشت بسیار مال و متاع و بسا لشکر و عساکر و فوج و صد هزار اسپ و یکهزار و پنجصد زنجیر فیل و نه صد قتار شتر بار بردار بر در او حاضر بود لیکن پسر و فرزند و اولاد نداشت و همیشه در خدمت خدا پرستان میرفت و روز و شب و صبح و شام براي پسر دعا مینخواست پس از چند روز آفرینندهٔ آسمان وزمین شاه مذکور را یک پسر خوب صورت افتاب چهره ماه جبین داد احمد سلطان ازین مسرت و نشاط مثل گل شگفته دل گردیده چندان هزار روپیه و هون بدرویشان و فقیران عطا کرد و تاسه ماه امیران و وزیران و دانایان و

TALE THE FIRST.

Of the Birth of Miemun; and of Khojisteh falling in love.

ONE of the princes of former times, whose name was Ahmed Sultaun, *possessed* much riches and effects, with a numerous army, *so that* one hundred thousand horses, fifteen hundred chains of elephants, and nine hundred strings of camels of burthen, stood ready at his gate. But he had no children, neither son nor daughter. He therefore continually visited the worshippers of God, *to engage their intercession in his favour;* and day and night, morning and evening, was *himself* offering up prayers for a son. After some time *had passed in this manner,* the Creator of heaven and earth bestowed on the aforesaid king a son, of beautiful form, his countenance *resplendent* as the sun, and his forehead *resembling* the moon. From the delight *occasioned* by this *event,* the heart of Ahmed Sultaun expanded like a new-blown rose; he bestowed many thousand rupees and huns, or pagodas, on dervieshes and fakeers: for three months continuance,

و فاضلان و استادان شهررا ضيافت كرد و خلعتهاي گران بها داد وقتيكه پسر مرقوم بسن هفت سال رسيد در خدمت او ستاد همه دان كامل گذاشت

و در چند روز الف بي و آمد نامه و انشاء هركرن و گلستان و جامع القوانين و انشاء ابو الفضل و يوسفي و رقعات جامي خواند و اكتساب علوم عربي و پارسي تمام كرد و قاعدهٔ نشست و برخاست مجلس شاهي و قانون گفتار و رفتار بزم شهنشاهي آموخت و در نظر پادشاه و جميع خاصان بارگاه پسند آمد

پدرش نام او ميمون نهاد و با يک زن ماه بدن خورشيد رخسار شادي كرده داد نام آن زن خجسته بود در ميان خجسته و ميمون الفت و مودت و محبت زياده شد چنانچه هر روز در عشي و الاشراق يک جا مي بودند و يک جا مي خفتند و يک جا مي نشستند ميمون يک روز بالاي پالكي

tinuance, the omrah, viziers, sages, learned men, and teachers in the city, were feasted; and he gave away costly dresses. When the above-mentioned son arrived at the age of seven years, he was placed under the direction of a master, perfectly versed in every kind of knowledge.

In a short time he read the alphabet, with the Amudnameh, or conjugations of verbs, and *by degrees* the Insha Herkeren, the Gulistan, Jammia ul Kewaneen, Insha Abulsezul, Insha Yousefy, with the Rukaat Jami; and acquired complete skill in the Arabic and Persian sciences. He also learnt the ceremonies to be observed in the royal council, as well as the rules for conversation and deportment at an imperial banquet; and met with approbation in the sight of the king, and all the nobles of the court.

His father called him Miemun, or auspicious, and married him to a wife, whose body *was fair* as the *silver* moon, and her countenance *enlivening* as the sun. The name of this lady was Khojisteh, or prosperous. Between Miemun and Khojisteh there was such excessive intimacy, friendship, and affection, that every day, from evening till morning, they were inseparable: they slept in one place, and always sat together. One

day

پالکي سوار شده براي تماشاي بازار رفت
وديد که شخصي در بازار قفص طوطي در دست
کرفته استاده بود ميمون طوطي فروش را کفت
که قيمت اين چه قدر است بکو طوطي فروش
جواب داد که قيمت اين مبلغ يک هزار هون
است ميمون کفت شخصيکه براي يک مشت
پر و جهت يک نوالهٔ کربه اين قدر زر دهد ابله و
احمق و بيوقوف و نادان است طوطي فروش
جواب دادن نتوانست دران زمان طوطي پنداشت
که اکر اين دولتمند عمده مرا خريد نکند موجب
قباحت و باعث شناعت است ازانجا که صحبت
بزرکان و دانايان ترقي عقل است بعد ازان طوطي
جواب داد که اي جوان خوش جمال و اي دولتمند
صاحب کمال اکرچه من در نظر شما مشت پر
مينمايم اما بخرد و دانائي بالاي آسمان مي پرم و
خوش کويان شيرين سخن مرا شنيده حيران
ميشوند و متعجب ميکردند کمينه هنر که در من است
آن

day Miemun rode in a palkee to take a view of the market-place, where he beheld a person standing with a parrot-cage in his hand. Miemun said to the parrot-seller, Tell me what is the price of this bird? The parrot-seller answered, " The price of it is the sum of a thousand huns." Miemun replied, " The person who could give so large a sum of money for a handful of feathers, and a cat's morsel, must be an ignorant blockhead." *To this,* the parrot-seller was unable to give an answer. At that interval, the parrot thought thus to itself, " If this rich man does not purchase me, *his refusal* will occasion evil and misfortune; for it is *only* by associating with great and intelligent *minds,* that the understanding can be improved." Then the parrot thus rejoined: " Oh beauteous youth! endowed with riches, and master of every accomplishment, although I appear in your sight *nothing but* a handful of feathers, yet, through the power of wisdom and knowledge, I can soar above the sky; and the eloquent are struck with wonder, and are astonished on listening to my sweet discourses. The meanest art that I possess is, that any action of past time, or to come, I know at present: the business

آن است که کار پیشین و آینده را در حال می
شناسم و کارهای فردارا امروز میدانم اینک
کاروانیان کابل برای خریدن سنبل درین شهر
خواهند آمد و همه سنبل این شهررا خرید خواهند
کرد تو همه سنبل شهررا خرید بکن و یک جا جمعدار
پس از آمدن کاروانیان مذکور بفروش تو
ازان سوداگری بسیار فایده خواهی گرفت میمون
سخن طوطی را شنیده و فهمیده و پسندیده مبلغ یک
هزار هون قیمت طوطی بفروشنده داد و طوطی را
خریده بخانهٔ خود برد و همه سنبل شهررا طلبیده از
سنبل فروشان قیمتش را استفسار کرد سنبل
فروشان گفتند که قیمت این همه ده هزار هون
است در همان ساعت مبلغ مذکور از خزانهٔ خود
داد وانرا خرید کرد و در یک ایوان نگهداشت
روز سیوم مطابق ایمای طوطی کاروانیان از کابل
رسیدند و از تجار ان و از سوداگران بسیار جست
جو کردند اما بهمه جا اثار سنبل نیافتند چرا که میمون

همه

of to-morrow I am acquainted with to-day. Now, *for instance*, the caravans of Cabul will come to this city, and buy all the spikenard that is in it. Do you purchase all the spikenard in the place; hoard it up, and sell it after the arrival of these travelling merchants, from which traffic you will derive considerable advantage." Miemun, having heard, understood and approved the words of the parrot, gave the owner a thousand huns, the price of the bird; and having bought it, carried it to his own house. He sent for all the spikenard in the city, and asked the sellers the price thereof. The spikenard dealers said, "The price of the whole is ten thousand huns." In the same hour he paid the aforesaid sum from his own treasury, and purchased the spikenard, which he stored up in one of his palaces. The third day, according as the parrot had predicted, the people of the caravan of Cabul arrived, and made great search amongst the merchants and traders, but could no where find out any spikenard, because Miemun had bought the whole of that article

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همه سنبل شهررا خرید کرده بود بعد از ان کاروانیان
در حضور میمون آمدند و سنبل مذکوررا بمبلغ
پنجاه هزار هون خرید کرده جانب شهر خودها روانه
شدند پس میمون از گفتهٔ طوطي بسیار
خورم و خورسند گردید و دیگر جانوري را که نام او
شارک بود خرید کرد براین معني که اگر شارک را
در صحبت طوطي گذاشته آید وحشت تنهائي
او از قلب بیرون خواهد رفت چنانچه دانایان
فرموده اند کند همجنس با همجنس پرواز کبوتر با
کبوتر باز با باز
غرض میمون شارک را همراه طوطي داشت تا
این دو پرنده از مصاحبت یک دیگر مسرور
خواهند بود روزي میمون خجسته را ظاهر کرد که من
بعد این میخواهم که مسافرت ملک و سفر دریا
و سیر بنادر نمایم در حینیکه ترا کاري در پیش
آید و مهمي عارض گردد بدون صلاح و مصلحت
شارک و طوطي بعمل نیاري و بي رخصت و رضاي
اینها

in the city. The people of the caravan came into the presence of Miemun, and having bought the spikenard for the sum of fifty thousand huns, set out for their own city. At length Miemun was much pleased and delighted with the conversation of the parrot, and bought another bird called a sharuk, or mina, with the view that, by placing it in company with the parrot, the mind of the latter might be freed from the irksomeness of solitude; according to the saying of the sages.

"Kind fly with kind, pigeon with pigeon, hawk "with hawk."

The intention of Miemun in placing the sharuk along with the parrot, was, that these birds might be mutually pleased with the company of each other. One day Miemun said to Khojisteh, "I am now "going to perform a journey to *a certain* country, "and *shall also* make a voyage in order to visit "several ports. Whenever you have business to "transact, or any weighty affair occurs, carry your "intentions into execution, without the advice and "consent of the parrot and the sharuk." After speaking to this purport, he commenced his journey.

Khojisteh

اینها کاري از قوه بفعل نیاري با مثال این چندین
سخنان کفت و اختیار مسافرت کرد بعد رفتن
میمون خجسته چندین غمهاي موفوره بعمل آورد و از
فراق دلدار درشب نمي خفت و در روز نمیخورد
غرض طوطي از کفتن شیرین قصها عموم دل
خجسته برطرف میکرد بعد انقضاي شش ماه یک
روز خجسته غسل کرد و چهرهٔ خودرا اراست نموده
بالاي بام ایستاد و از دریچه تماشاي کوچه میکرد
یک ملک زادهٔ دیکر شهر براي سیردران شهر
رسیده بود افتاب رخسارهٔ خجستهرا دیده مجنون
و دیوانه کردید و خجسته نیز ملک زادهرا دیده
شیفته و فریفته شد و ملک زاده همان ساعت
از یک زن محتاله از راه خفیه نزدیک خجسته
پیام و پیغام فرستاد که اکر یک شب براي چهار
ساعت درخانهٔ من قدم رنجه خواهي کرد در عرض
ان یک انکشترین بهاٴلک هون خواهم داد اکر
چه در اول پیامش قبول نکرده ولیکن از بسیار
ورغلانیدن

Khojisteh expressed great sorrow at the departure of Miemun; and being separated from the possesser of her heart, she neither slept during the night, nor ate in the day. To be brief, the parrot dispelled the sorrows of her heart, by relating pleasant stories. At the expiration of six months, one day Khojisteh, after having bathed herself, and adorned her person, was looking out of a window at the top of the house into the street; when a prince of another country, who had travelled into this city, having beheld the glowing cheeks of Khojisteh, was distracted with love; and Khojisteh also was fascinated at the sight of the prince. The same hour the prince sent a procuress to Khojisteh, privately, with a message, that provided she would only take the trouble to visit his house any night, for four hours, he, in return for this *condescension,* would present her with a ring estimated at a lack of huns. At first, however, she did not agree to his proposal: but at length the instigations of the procuress prevailed;

وا غلانیدن مختاله راضي شده جوابش گفته
فرستاد که روز پرده در است و شب پرده پوش
است بعد از نیم شب در حضور ملک زاده خواهم
رسید و قتیکه شب شروع شد خجسته پارچهاي
نفیس و بهتر پوشید رو بروي شارک آمد و
بالاي کرسي نشسته در دل خود تامل کرد که من
زنم و شارک نیززن است و درین کار البته
شارک سخن من خواهد شنید و براي رفتن در
حضور ملک زاده اجازت و رخصت خواهد داد باین
اندیشه همه حقیقت و کیفیت را با لمشافهه
شارک ظاهر کرد شارک وعظ گوئي نموده که چنین
کار نباید کرد در میان قوم شما این عظیم ترعیب
و ننک است از انجا که عشق خجسته را غالب
شده بود امتناع شارک غصه اورا تغیاني گرد
شارک را از درون قفص و پنجره بیرون کرده
دو پاي شارک را از دست محکم و مضبوط گرفته
چنان برزمین زد که جان از بدن شارک بالا پرید
و

vailed; and she returned him for answer, that as day reveals, and night casts a veil over *our actions,* she would wait upon the prince after midnight. Early at night, after having arrayed herself in her finest and best apparel, she repaired to the sharuk, and sitting down in a chair, thus reflected in her mind: "Because I am woman, and the sharuk is also a "female, she will certainly listen to my words on the "present occasion, and give me leave to visit the "prince." With this persuasion, she represented to the sharuk all the particular circumstances *of her case.* The sharuk advised her, *saying,* "You "must not commit such an action, which is con-"sidered amongst your tribe as most heinous and "disgraceful." But as love had now gained the ascendancy over Khojisteh, the sharuk's refusal threw her into a rage. Seizing the bird fast by both legs, she pulled her out of her cage, and struck her against the ground with such violence that the soul took flight from the body, and she expired. Then, full of wrath and indignation, she came to the

و مرد بعد ازان با خشم غصه نزدیک طوطي رسید و
همه مطالب خود و کوایف شارک را بالمشافهٔ طوطي
ظاهر کرد از انجا که طوطي دانشمند بود در دل خود
تامل کرد که اکر من مطابق شارک منع کنم و
ممانعت نمایم هلاک خواهم شد بعد ازین اندیشه
خجسته را از نرمي تمام اظهار کرد از انجا که شارک
مونث است و اکثر اناث ناقص العقل مي شوند
ازین باعث دانایان را مناسب است که رازهاي
خود را بانسا باز نباید کرد تو الحال هیچ فکر و
سواس مکن تا که جان من در جسم است درین
کار تو من سعي و کوشش خواهم کرد و ترا بمراد و
مدعاي تو خواهم رسانید خدا نخواسته اکر این راز
تو در میان ظاهر شود و این خبر شوي تو بشنود
مثل طوطي فرخ بیک میان تو و شوهر تو صلح و
آشتي خواهم کرد خجسته کفت که داستان طوطي
فرخ بیک چه قسم بود مفصل ظاهر بکن تا ممنون
تو خواهم شد

طوطي

parrot, to whom she represented all her own desires, with the particulars concerning the sharuk. The parrot was endowed with understanding, and thought to himself: "If I refuse my consent, and raise ob- "jections like the sharuk, I shall *also* be mur- "dered." After making this reflection, he thus addressed himself to Khojisteh, in the softest tone imaginable: "The sharuk was a female, many of "whom are deficient in wisdom; for which reason, "those who are wise themselves, ought not to re- "veal their secrets to any of the sex. Be not "now uneasy or unsettled in your mind; for, as "long as my soul continues in my body, I will exert "my endeavours in this business of yours, and will "gratify your inclinations. God forbid *it should* "*actually so happen! but* if this secret of yours "should be divulged, and your husband hear of it, "I will make peace and tranquillity between you and "him, like the parrot of Ferukh Beg." Khojisteh asked, "What is the story of the parrot of Ferukh "Beg? Tell it at full length, and you will oblige "me."

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طوطي عرض کرد که در یک ملک یک تاجر
بود فرخ بیک نام داشت در خانه او یک طوطي
بود زیرک تاجر مذکوررا مسافرت در پیش آمد
همه مال و منال و اسباب و اشیا و اهلیهٔ
خودرا حوالهٔ طوطي کرد و براي تجارت و سوداگري
وسیر ملک رفت و چند روز در معاملت تجارت
ماند بعد از چندي زن او بایک جوان مغل زاده
یاري کرد و دوستي داشت هر شب مغل زاده
را بخانه خود آوردي و با اوهم بستر شدي و
در یک ایوان تا صبح بودي این افعال اورا
طوطي میدید و سخنان هر دورا مي شنیدااما امثال
نادیده و ناشنیده مي بود پس از یک و نیم
سال تاجر مذکور طرف خانهٔ خود معاودت و
مراجعت کرد و همه کیفیت خانه را از طوطي پرسید
طوطي همه اخبار خانه در حضور تاجر مذکور عرض
کرد اما حوال زن اورا ظاهر نکرد چراکه مابین شوي
و زن مفارقت خواهد شد بعد از انقضاي دو هفته
تاجر

The parrot replied, " In a certain country was
" a merchant, named Ferukh Beg, in whose house
" was a sagacious parrot. This merchant, having
" occasion to travel; gave in charge to the par-
" rot all his goods and chattels, and also his wife.
" After which he set out on his journey, in order
" to trade in different countries; and continued
" *absent* some time, transacting his commercial
" concerns. Shortly after his departure, his
" wife became acquainted and enamoured with a
" young Moghul. Every night she introduced this
" young Moghul into her house; they slept in one
" bed, and continued together in the same apart-
" ment till morning. The parrot saw these pro-
" ceedings, and overheard all their conversation;
" however he was *as secret* as if he had neither
" seen nor heard. At the expiration of a year and
" a half the merchant returned home, and inquired
" of the parrot all the particulars concerning his
" household. The parrot informed the merchant
" of all the affairs of his house; but did not tell
" any circumstances concerning the woman, because
" it would have occasioned a separation between man
" and wife. At the expiration of a fortnight, the

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تاجر مذکور از زبان ادم خارجي همه احوال اهليهٔ
خود و مغل زاده در يافت کرده بسيار متعجب
کرديد از انجا که خردمندان کفته اند که مشک
و عشق را نتوان نهفتن القصه تاجر مذکور بر زوجهٔ
خود غصه شد و تنبيه و تاديب کرد ازين باعث
زنش پنداشت که همه احوال من در حضور شوي
من اين طوطي ظاهر کرده است پس طوطي را
حاسد خود انکاشته يک روز در نيم شب قابو
يافته همه پرهاي طوطي مذکور را کنديده از خانه
بيرون انداخت و شور کرد و غلامان و کنيزکان
خانه را کفت که طوطي را کربه برده است اکرچه
زن مسطوره در دل خود پنداشت که طوطي مرده
است ليکن اندک جان در طوطي باقي بود و از
بالا افتادن بسيار وامانده کرديده بود بعد از
يکساعت در جسم طوطي مزبور اندک زور وقوت
رسيد در انجا يک کورستان بود طوطي دران
قبرستان رفت و در سوراخ يک کور چند روز
ماند و همه روز کرسنه ماندي و در شب از سوراخ
قبر

" merchant was greatly astonished to hear from the
" tongue of a stranger all the circumstances regard-
" ing his wife and the young Moghul; according
" to what the sages have said,—that musk and love
" cannot be concealed. In short the merchant was
" enraged at his wife, reproved and punished her.
" The wife naturally suspected the parrot of having
" discovered to her husband all her pranks; and thus
" believing the parrot her enemy, she took an op-
" portunity at midnight of plucking off the bird's
" feathers; and, flinging him out of doors, call-
" ed out to the male and female slaves of the
" family, that a cat had carried away the parrot.
" The woman concluded in her own mind that the
" parrot was dead; but although he had been greatly
" injured by the fall, still some life remained; and
" at the expiration of an hour the parrot's body re-
" covered a little strength and power *of motion.*
" Near the place was a burying-ground, whither the
" parrot repaired, and remained some days in the
" hollow part of a tomb. He fasted all day, and
" came out of the hole at night; and, as travellers
" were used to alight in this burying-ground, and
" there

قبر مرقوم بیرون امدي چون دران گورستان
مسافران فرود آمدندي و درشب طعامیکه
خوردندي پس خوردهٔ ان انچه در انجا افتادي
طوطي مزبور آنرا مي چید و میخورد و آب مي
نوشید بازبوقت صبح در سوراخ میرفت بعد
چند روز همه پرهاي طوطي دمیده شدند و بر آمدند
و اندک اندک پریدن میتوانست یعني از
یک گور بردیگر گور پریده مي نشست و دانهرا مي
چید و مي خورد آنشب که طوطي رفت صبح آن
تاجر مسطور از بستر بر خاست و نزد قفص طوطي
آمد و دید که طوطي اندرش نیست شور کرد و
دستار برزمین زد و بسیار متردد خاطر گردید و
برزن بسیار غصه شد بلکه از ان عموم خواب
و خور گذاشت و سخنان زن را هیچ اعتبار و باور
نکرد و زن را از خانه بدر کرده داد زن مزبوره ازین
خیال که شوهرم مرا بدر کرده همه باشندگان شهر
مرا بد خواهند گفت مرا مناسب و انسبت اینکه
من

" there eat their victuals, during the night the parrot
" picked up their leavings, and then, taking a drink
" of water, returned into his hole in the morning.
" After some time, all the parrot's feathers having
" begun to grow again, he was able to fly a short
" distance, just from one tomb to another, and then
" perching himself: and he ate such seeds as he could
" discover. Early in the morning after that night
" on which the parrot departed, the merchant got
" out of bed, and came to the cage, when, seeing
" that the parrot was not in it, he cried out aloud,
" and threw his turband on the ground, being greatly
" troubled in mind. He was so enraged at his wife,
" that he separated her from his bed and board; and,
" giving no credit to her protestations, drove her out
" of his house. The wife thought to herself, as I
" am repudiated by my husband, all the people of
" the town will speak ill of me; *therefore*, it is most
" adviseable for me to repair to the burying-ground

من در ینکورستان که متصل خانه است بروم
بدون خور و خواب خواهم مرد حاصل کلام دران
کورستان مرقوم رفت و یکروز فاقه ماند و قتیکه
شب شد طوطي از اندرون سوراخ کفت اي
زن همه موئیکه در سر و بدن تست از استره
بتراش و تا چهل روز در قبرستان بدون خوراک
باش تا من کناه تو که در عمر خود کردهٔ خواهم
بخشید و فیمابین تو و شوهر تو آشتي خواهم ساخت
زن مذکوره این آواز شنیده متعجب شد و
در دل خود پنداشت که درین کورستان قبر آدم
خدا پرست و نیک کارور است باز است البته او
جرم من خواهد بخشید و فیما بین من و شوي من
صلح و اشتي خواهد کرد پس از ان زن همه موي
سر و بدن تراشید و چندي دران کورستان
بود یکروز طوطي از سوراخ قبر مذکور بدر آمد
و کفت که اي زن تو بدون تقصیر پرهاي من
برکند يدي و مرا سخت آزار دادي خوب هرچه در
طالع

" adjoining to the house, and expire for want of food
" and sleep. Summarily she went to the burying-
" ground, and fasted one day. At night the parrot
" called out from his hole, O woman! shave all the
" hair off your head and body with a razor, and
" remain forty days in the burying-ground without
" food, when I will pardon all the sins you have
" committed during the whole course of your life,
" and will make peace between you and your hus-
" band. The woman was astonished at hearing this
" voice, and thought to herself, certainly there is in
" the burying-ground the tomb of some pious, just
" and upright man, who will absolve me from my
" sins, and restore peace and concord between me
" and my husband. Then, under this persuasion,
" she shaved all the hair off her head and body, and
" continued some time *longer* in the burying-ground.
" One day the parrot came out of the hole or tomb
" before described, and said, O woman! thou, with-
" out *my having committed any* fault, pluckedst out
" my feathers, and afflicted me grievously. It is
" well thou hast executed what my stars had ordained.

" However,

طالع مشئوم من بود تو کردي ليکن نمک تو
خورده‌ام ازين ممر و علت در خدمت تو نيکي و
خوبي خواهم کرد چراکه من طوطي خريدهٔ خداوند
توام و تو خاتون من هستي و اين سخن با تو از
سوراخ گور من گفتم که ترا با شوهر تو خواهم
آميخت تو يقين بدان که من چنين راستم و
چغل نيستم که عيب تو با شوهرا تو گفته باشم
و من ادب نان و نمک تو داشته‌ام به بين
الحال در خانه نزد شوهر تو ميروم و ترا باشوي تو
ملحق ميکنم طوطي اين سخن بگفت و در خانه
خواجهٔ خود رفت و در حضور خواجه مذکور سلام
بجا آورد و دعا داد که عمر و دولت تو دراز باد آقا
گفت تو کيستي و از کجا آمدي پس باز شناخته
گفت که چندين روز کجا بودي و بحويلي کدام
ادم ماندي همه احوال خود مفصل بگو طوطي عرض
کرد که من آن طوطي کهنهٔ توام که مرا از قفص
گربه برده در قفص شکم خود داشته خواجه گفت
که

" However, I have eaten your salt, and from that con-
" sideration will act well and friendly by you, because
" I am the purchased parrot of your lord, and thou
" art my lady. I spoke the words which came to
" you from the hole in the tomb; *namely*, that I
" will unite you to your husband. Be assured of
" my fidelity, and that I am not a back-biter, that I
" should have told your faults to your husband; but,
" *on the contrary*, I have preserved my allegiance to
" your bread and salt. Behold, even now I am
" going to your husband, and will reconcile him to
" you. The parrot, having spoken these words, went
" to his master's house, and, standing before him,
" made obeisance, imploring *for him* the bless-
" ing of long life, and increase of riches. The
" master asked, Who art thou, and from whence do
" you come? Then recollecting the bird, he said,
" Where have you been for some time past, and in
" what man's house have you dwelt? Tell me
" every item of your story. The bird answered, I
" am your old parrot, whom a cat took out of the
" cage, and imprisoned in her belly. The master
" asked, How was you restored to life again? The

" parrot

که باز تو چکونه زیستي طوطي التماس کرد که تو
زن خودرا بیکناه از خانه بیرون کرده دادي ازین
ممر زن تو در قبرستان رفت و چهل روز فاقه
ماند و بسیار کریه و زاري نمود حق سبحانه تعالي
بر حال او مهربان شد و باز مرا جان داد که اي
طوطي نزد شوي این زن برو و فیمابین این زن و
شوي آشتي بکن بلکه تو در این مقدمه کواه شو
اقاي او این احوال را معلوم کرد حاصل کلام
اینکه از خانه خود برخاست و بالاي اسپ سوار شده
نزد وجهٔ خود رفت و کفت که اي معشوقه من
بي تقصیر ترا رنج دادم و اینکه عفو تقصیر من بکن
پس اهلیه را در خانه آورد و زن و شوي با صلح
وآشتي تمام در یک خانه ماندند و بسیار عیش
و عشرتها کردند

طوطي میمون قصه طوطیٔ تاجر تمام کرد و خجسته را
کفت که اي خجسته تو زود بر خیز و نزدیک شاهزاده
برو تا وعدهٔ تو دروغ و خلاف نباشد اکر خدا
نخواسته

" parrot replied, You drove from your house your in-
" nocent wife, who thereupon retired to the cemetery,
" and, after she had fasted forty days with great grief
" and lamentation, the Almighty, in commiseration
" of her condition, restored me to life, *and said,*
" O parrot! go to this woman's husband, and make
" peace between them ; be thou even an evidence
" in this cause. The bird's master felt the force
" of the relation. The sum of the story is this:
" he departed from his house, and, having mounted
" a horse, came to his wife, and said, Alas, my
" love! I have persecuted you, without your having
" committed any fault ; but now pardon my trans-
" gression. Then he brought his wife home, and
" *from that time* they lived together in perfect har-
" mony and good understanding, in the full enjoy-
" ment of love and delight."

Miemun's parrot *thus* finished the tale of the merchant's parrot, and said to Khojisteh, Arise quickly, and go to the prince, that your promise may not be broken and violated. If, *which* God forbid! your husband gets intelligence hereof, I am ready to establish

نخواسته اين خبر شوي تو بشنود من مثال طوطي
تاجر به صلح و آشتي كردن حاضرم خجسته ازين
سخن مسرور شده خواست كه نزد شاهزاده برود
همدرين اثنا صبح صادق ظاهر شد و رفتن خجسته
موقوف گرديد از انجا كه خجسته كه همه شب براي
شنيدن قصه بيدار بود جهت خوابيدن رفت و
بالاي بستر خفت

establish peace and friendship, like the merchant's parrot. Khojisteh, delighted at these words, was ready to go to the prince; but, at that instant the dawn beginning to appear, she postponed her departure. As Khojisteh had kept awake all night to hear the story, she now retired, and reposed herself on her bed.

حکایت دوم وفاداري پاسبان که باشاه طبرستان کرده بود

چون روز تمام گردید از انجا که شب رسید
خجسته از بستر گرانمایه برخاست و طعامهاي
گوناگون و میوهاي بوقلمون طلبید و خورد و ماه
روي خودرا آراست و آرایش داد و پارچه زر باف
پوشید و نزدیک طوطي آمد و اجازت و رخصت
خواست

طوطي عرض کرد که تو شاد باش و هیچ تامل
و اندیشه مکن چراکه من در کار تو مجهد و مساعي
خواهم بود و ترا در حضور شاهزاده خواهم رسانید
اما اي خجسته تو دوستي و محبت و شوق و عشق
شاهزاده در دل بدار چنانچه پاسبان شاه طبرستان
اراده

TALE THE SECOND.

The Fidelity of a Sentinel towards the King of Teberistan.

WHEN the day was entirely spent, and night arrived, Khojisteh arose from the costly couch; and having called for different kinds of food, and various fruits, ate thereof. She composed her countenance *with a benignity* resembling the moon; and, having adjusted her *head* attire, and put on apparel of rich brocade, came to the parrot for permission *to visit the prince.*

The parrot said to her, "Be cheerful, without "thinking or contriving, for I will be zealous and "active in your cause, and be the means of intro-"ducing you to the prince's presence; but you, "Khojisteh, must preserve for him, in your mind, "such friendship, benevolence, ardour, and affection,

"as

ارادهٔ و عقیدت شاه مزبور در قلب خود داشت و
در عوض آن دولت یافت

خجسته پرسید که قصهٔ شاه طبرستان چه
قسم و چگونه بود مفصلاً بگو

طوطي عرض کرد که مردمان نخستین وزیر کان
پیشین چنین فرموده اند که یکروز شاه طبرستان
مجلس و محفل برابر بهشت و فردوس اراسته
کرد و طعامهاي نفیس و خورشهاي لطیف و
شرابهاي مطبوع و کبابهاي کونا کون در بزم
میداشت و همه شاهزادکان و امیرزادکان و
حکیمان و استادان شهر حاضر شدند و طعامها
تناول فرمودند و کبابها و شرابها خوردند و نوشیدند
در انجا ناکاه مردي امد اجنبي خاصان بارگاه
اورا فرمودند که تو کیستي و از کجا آمدي کفت
من شمشیر زن و شیر کیرام و هنر تیراندازي
میدانم و چنان تیراندازي میکنم که تیر من از
سنک خارا بیرون بکندو سواي این بسیار حرفت

و

" as shall equal the attachment and fidelity which a
" sentinel in the service of the king of Teberistan
" maintained in his heart towards that monarch,
" and, in reward thereof, acquired prosperity."

Khojisteh asked, " Of what nature, and after
" what manner is the story of the king of Teberistan?
" Relate it at full length."

The parrot said, " Men of former times, the
" sages of antiquity, have thus related:—Once upon
" a time the king of Teberistan prepared such a
" banquet and convivial meeting as equalled paradise.
" At this feast were displayed the most exquisite and
" delicious viands, the choicest liquors, and all sorts
" of roasted meats; there were present all the princes,
" nobility, sages, and learned doctors, belonging to
" the city, who did eat of the victuals, and, *amongst*
" *the rest*, of the roasts, and they drank of the li-
" quors.

" Suddenly a man, who was a stranger, entered
" the place. The nobles of the court inquired who
" he was, and from whence he came? He an-
" swered, I am a gladiator, and a lion-catcher. I
" profess the art of archery, in which I am such an
" adept, that I can drive my arrow through a hard

" stone;

و حکمت خوب میدانم اول نزد امیر خجند نوکر و
چاکر بودم امیر خجند مذکور قدر صنعت من نشناخت
ازین رهگذر و علت نوکري او گذاشته نزدیک
شاه طبرستان آمدم شاه طبرستان سخن اورا
شنیده کار پردازان خودرا حکم کرد که اورا
در خدمت پاسباني و نگهباني نوکردارند همان
وقت کار پردازان مطابق حکم شاه مسطور
نوکرداشتند پاسبان مذکور هرشب از یکپا
ایستاده جانب قصر شاه نگاه خودرا گذاشت
یک شب پادشاه بعد نیم شب بالاي قصر
میگردید و سایر بود و نگاه هر طرف میکرد و فرود
قصر مینگریست دید که یک شخص از یکپا استاده
است پادشاه اورا پرسید که تو کیستي و در نیم
شب چرا استاده گفت که من پاسبان و حارس
و نگهبانم و حراست قصر شاه میکنم و از چند روز
از یکپا استاده میباشم و منتظر دیدار و مشتاق
لقاي مبارک پادشاه ام امشب از معاونت

و

" stone; and besides this, I know many other valu-
" able arts and mysteries. I first engaged in the
" service of Ameer Khojend, but he knew not
" the value of my skill; for which reason, having
" quitted his employ, I am now come to the king
" of Teberistan. The king of Teberistan, having
" heard his speech, commanded his courtiers to en-
" tertain the man in the capacity of a guard or sen-
" tinel; when, immediately, in conformity to the
" king's command, they received him into the ser-
" vice: and this sentinel kept watch every night,
" standing on one leg, with his eyes fixed on the
" royal palace.

" One night the king was walking, till after mid-
" night, on the roof of the palace; and, after looking
" about on all sides, cast his eyes below, when he
" saw a man standing on one leg: the king inquired
" his name, and why he was standing in this man-
" ner at midnight? He answered, I am the senti-
" nel, watch, or guard, in charge of the king's palace,
" and for some days have stood on one leg, in ear-
" nest expectation of his majesty's august presence.
" To-night, through the aid and assistance of fortune,

" and

و اعانت بخت و طالع میمون خود جمال با کمال
پادشاه دیدم و بسیار شادمان شدم
و در اثنای این گفت و گو از طرف بادیه و
دشت یک آواز در گوش و سمع پادشاه رسید
که من میروم کدام آدم مرا خواهد گردانید بادشاه
از استماع این آواز و صداوند متعجب گشته
حارس را فرمود که ای حارس این آواز را
سماعت کردی پاسبان عرض کرد که از چند شب
این آواز می شنوم لیکن خدمت پاسبانی دارم
از این باعث استفسار این صد انکردم که این
ندا از ان کیست الحال اگر پادشاه حکم کنند
بسرعت سریع رفته این آواز را تحقیق کند و در
حضور کرم معمور بندگان اقدس مشرور حا معروض
دارد شاه حکم کرد که برو و این آواز دریافت
نموده بعرض رسان پاسبان همان وقت بیرون
رفت بعد اندک رفتن او پادشاه نیز از گلیم
سیاه همه بدن و روی را پوشیده از اندک
تفاوت

" and the stars, it has been my good luck to behold
" his majesty's graces in perfection, and I am greatly
" delighted on the occasion.

" During this conversation, the king heard a voice
" issuing from the wilds and deserts, which said, I am
" going, who is the man that will cause me to return
" back? The king was astonished at hearing this
" noise, and asked the sentinel whether he had re-
" marked it. The sentinel replied, I have heard
" this noise several nights, but my duty requires my
" attendance on my post, and, for that reason, I have
" not inquired about it; but now, if your majesty
" gives me orders, I will ascertain what the noise is
" with all possible expedition, and report it to the
" court, peopled by the slaves of the most holy
" law*. The king rejoined, Go! and having learnt
" the meaning of the cause, convey the intelligence
" to the seat of holiness †.

" The sentinel instantly departed; and the king,
" after having covered all his body and face with a

* This hyperbolical phrase signifies nothing more than
" the king's presence."

† This also signifies " the king's presence."

تفاوت در پس پاسبان رفته دید که در راه یک
عورت خوب صورت استاده میکوید که من میروم
کدام آدم مرا باز خواهد کردانید پاسبان پرسید
که اي عورت زیبا شبیه و حسن ملیح شکل
لطیف تو کیستي و این سخن چرا میکوئي
عورت مذکور ظاهر کرد که من صورت و تصویر
عمر پادشاه طبرستان ام عمر شاه مذکور بانجام
رسید الحال من میروم پاسبان کفت اي تصویر
عمر شاه الحال تو چکونه باز خواهي آمد و مراجعت
خواهي کرد تصویر کفت اي پاسبان اکر تو پسر
خودرا در عوض عمر شاه خواهي داد البته مراجعت
و معاودت خواهم کرد تا بادشاه مذکور چند مدت
در جهان خواهد زیست و زود نخواهد مرد شاه و
پاسبان وقتیکه این سخن از تصویر کوش
کرد شادمان و خوشحال کردید پاسبان جواب داد که
عمر خود و پسر خود بر عمر شاه فدا و نثار و
تصدق خواهم کرد تو اي تصویر ساعتي توقف
و درنک

" black blanket, followed at a short distance; when
" he saw, standing on the road, a beautiful woman,
" crying out, I am going! who is the man that will
" cause me to turn back? The sentinel addressed
" her, saying, Who art thou, O woman possessing
" such exquisite beauty and delicacy of form! and
" why dost thou utter those words? The woman
" set forth, I am the representation and emblem of
" the king of Teberistan's life, the term of which
" being come to a period, I am now about to de-
" part. The sentinel said, O thou emblem of the
" king's life! by what means art thou to be pre-
" vailed on to return back? The figure replied, If
" thou, O sentinel! wilt give the life of your own
" son in exchange for that of the king, I will certainly
" return, in order that the king may live some time
" longer in the world, and not die immediately. The
" king and the sentinel experienced satisfaction and
" delight on hearing these words from the figure.
" The sentinel replied, My own life, with that of
" my son, I will devote, offer and bestow, to prolong

" his

و درنگ و تاخیر بکن تا من در خانه رفته پسر خود را آورده در حضور تو ذبح کنم

القصه طرف خانه خود رفت و همه کیفیت را با پسر خود گفت از انجا که پسرش با وفا بود جواب داد که پادشاه منصف و عادل و رعیت پرور و غریب نواز است مثل این در جهان بودن موجب آبادی ملک و رفاهیت احوال باشند کان ملک است و خواهد بود من از استاد رحمته الله علیه این اندرز شنیده ام که همه طفلان دبستان و مکتب را میفرمودند که اگر در عوض دفع هلاکی پادشاه عادل کار پردازان سلطنت یکی از آدم رعایا را ابکشند موجب گناه و عصیان نیست چرا که اگر پادشاه منصف از هلاکی رهائی یابد و سلامت باشد هزاران رعایای ملک را در آرام خواهد داشت خدا نخواسته اگر این عادن بمیرد و دیگر ظالم پیدا شود تا هزاران عالم از باعث ظلم و ستم او خواهد مرد و همه ملک ویران

" his majesty's days ; do you tarry and delay one
" hour, till I can go to my house and bring my son,
" and sacrifice him in your presence.

" Briefly—The sentinel went to his own house,
" and told his son all the circumstances. The son,
" being loyal, made this declaration, His majesty is
" just and equitable, affectionate to his subjects, and
" kind to strangers ; the existence of such a monarch
" causes, and will secure, the prosperity of the king-
" dom, and the happiness of his people. I have
" learnt the following lesson from my tutor, (on
" whom be the mercy of God !) and which he taught
" to all the children of the school : That if, in order
" to avert the destruction of a just king, the minis-
" ters of state were to put to death a man from
" amongst his subjects, it is not to be accounted a
" sin or transgression ; because, if a good monarch is
" rescued from death, and continued in safety, he pre-
" serves in tranquillity thousands who are under his
" dominion : God forbid that this just king should
" die, lest he may be succeeded by a tyrant, through
" whose cruelty and oppression thousands of mankind
" might perish, and the whole kingdom become a
" desert !

ویران خواهد شد پس این مصلحت و صلاح است
که مرا زود ببري و بکشي

بعده پاسبان پسر را در حضور تصویر مذکور
آورده دست و پایش بسته و تیز کارد در دست
گرفته براي بریدن حلقوم پسر خود خم شد درین
اثنا تصویر دست پاسبان بگرفت و گفت که
گلوي پسر خود مبر حق تعالي بر همت و نیک
کاري تو خورسند و مهربان گردید و باز مرا تا بودن
شصت سال حکم داد وقتیکه پاسبان این
مژده و بشارت و نوید شنیده بسیار مسرت
و فراوان عشرت و انبساط حاصل کرد چون این
همه کار و بار و معاملت پاسبان و پسر اورا
پادشاه از دور دیده بارتیاح و ابتهاج باز گردید
و پیش از آمدن پاسبان زود خودرا بر بالا خانه
رسانیده بطرز اول در بالا خانه میگردید پاسبان
نیز بعد نیم ساعت در حضور فیض گنجور شاه
خودرا رسانید و اداب و تسلمات و کورنشات
بجا

" desert! It is therefore fit and expedient that you
" take me quickly, and put me to death.

" After *this resolution,* the sentinel carried his
" son to the phantom, and having bound his hands
" and feet, took in his hand a sharp knife, and stooped
" down to cut his son's throat. At this juncture
" the phantom arrested the sentinel's hand, saying,
" Do not sacrifice your son! The Almighty, being
" satisfied with your intention, is gracious, and hath
" commanded me to remain sixty years longer.

" The sentinel, on hearing these glad tidings, was
" filled with joy and delight. The king, who had
" seen from a distance all the acts and deeds of the
" father and his son, was highly pleased; and getting
" the start of the sentinel, repaired quickly to the
" roof of the palace, and then walked about in the
" same manner as before.—Half an hour afterwards
" the sentinel appeared in the king's presence, the
" treasury of munificence, and then performing the
" usual

بجا آوروه دعا داد که عمر و دولت و جاه و حشمت
شاهجهان دراز باد پادشاه گفت اي پاسبان آن
چه آواز بود مشرو حاً و مفصلاً آنرا بیان کن و بگو
پاسبان هر دو دست خودرا با ادب بر سینه بسته در
حضور کرم معمور شاه عرض کرد که یک زن
خوب صورت و خوش جمان از شوي خود
ناخوش و آزرده شده از خانه شوهر خود بیرون امده
درراه نشسته اینقسم اواز میکرد من در خدمت
ان زن رسیده سخنان نرم و ملایم و راستي
امیز با و اظهار کروه در میان زن و شوهر زن صلح
و آشتي کرده دادم الحال آن زن وعده و میعاد
و عهد کرد که باز تا مدت شصت سال از خانهٔ
شوهر خود بیرون نخواهد آمد

پادشاه مذکود نیکو کاري و دانائي او دیده و
فهمیده و پسندیده مسرور گردید و ظاهر کرد که در
حینیکه تو از ینجا بیرون رفتي من بتعاقب تو
رفتم و همه سوال و جواب تو و زن و پسر تو و
محبت

" usual ceremonies of homage and obeisance, uttered
" the following salutation:—Long life, wealth, peace,
" and splendour attend the monarch of the world!
" The king commanded him to relate and explain the
" meaning of the noise. The sentinel folded his
" arms on his bosom in token of respect, and thus
" addressed himself to the presence abounding with
" mercies:—'A beautiful and elegant woman finding
' her husband's ill treatment insupportable, forsook
' his house, and was sitting on the ground making this
' lamentation. I approached her, and, by speaking
' in soft and conciliating terms, tempered with truth,
' have restored peace and good understanding between
' her and the husband; and now the woman has pro-
' mised, bargained, and agreed, never again to quit
' his house for the space of sixty years.'

" The king, having seen, comprehended, and ap-
" proved of his loyalty and good conduct, discovered
" himself, saying, At the time you went from hence,
" I followed you, and have seen and heard all that
" passed between you, the woman, and your son, tes-
" tifying the attachment, affection, and loyalty of both.

محبت و عقیدت و ارادت تو و پسر تو دیده‌ام و شنیده‌ام غرض در ایام گذشته و سلف مسکین و محتاج بودي و آشفته و پریشان خاطر انشاء الله تعالي در زمان آینده و حال و مستقبل خاطر جمعدارا لبته خوشدل خواهي شد و من ترا از عون الهي دولتمند و عمده خواهم کرد

بعده شاه براي خوابیدن رفت و بالاي بستر خفت چون صبح صادق روشن شد پادشاه بر تخت جلوس فرمود و کارپردازان بارگاه‌را حکم صادر شد که همه امیران و وزیران و دانایان و ناظمان ملک حاضر شدند و در حضور همه مردمان حضار مجلس پاسبانرا ولي عهد خویش کردانید و کلیدها و قفلهاي خزانه و غیره حوالهٔ پاسبان کردانید

وقتیکه طوطي قصهٔ شاه طبرستان تمام کرد صبح صادق پدید آمد و افتاب طلوع و تابان کردید ازین

" This is my determination: hitherto you have been
" poor and needy, so that your mind has been trou-
" bled and perplexed: but trust in God for the fu-
" ture, and be easy and happy; for, with the divine
" assistance, I will make you rich, and promote you
" to high dignity.

" Then the king retired, and reposed himself on
" a couch. When the true dawn shone forth, the
" king, being seated on his throne, commanded the
" ministers of state to require the attendance of all
" the omrah, viziers, sages, and governors of pro-
" vinces throughout the empire; and, before all per-
" sons present at the council of state, appointed the
" sentinel his vicegerent, and committed to his care
" all the locks and keys of his treasury, &c."

By the time the parrot had made an end of the story of the king of Teberistan, the true dawn had appeared, and the sun was risen and shone forth;

on

ازين باعث و سبب رفتن خجسته موقوف شد
از انجا كه خجسته همه شب جهت شنيدن قصهٔ
پاسبان و شاه طبرستان بيدار و بيخواب مانده
بود براي خوابيدن رفت و بالاي بستر مخمل
خفت

on which account Khojisteh's departure was deferred; and having been kept all night without sleep, hearing the story, she retired, and reposed herself on a velvet couch.

قصه سیوم زرکر و نجار و دزدیدن بتهاي زر و پنهان کردن ان

چون آفتاب غروب شد و ماه طلوع کردید
خجسته بسیار زر و زیور پوشیده نزد طوطي رفت
و کفت امشب مرا رخصت ده که پیش محبوب
خود بروم طوطی کفت که ترا اول شب دستوري
داوه‌ام چرا هنوز توقف میکني لیکن این زیور که
پوشیدهٔ خوب نیست که با این زیور پیش مرد
میروي مبادا که در زیور تو او طمع کند و محبت
تو بکذارد چنانکه زرکري زر از نجار طمع کرده بود
و دوستي سالها کذاشته

خجسته پرسید که حقیقت زرکر و نجار چه قسم
است مفصل بیان کن

طوطی

TALE THE THIRD.

The Goldsmith and the Carpenter; and the Theft and Concealment of the Golden Images.

WHEN the sun was set, and the moon risen, Khojisteh, having covered herself with gold and jewels, went to the parrot, and said, "Give me leave to re-"pair to my sweet-heart to-night." The parrot answered, "I gave you permission the first night, "why do you loiter till now? but it is not advise-"able that you should go and appear before the man "bedecked in these ornaments, lest he may covet "them, and quit his affection for you; just as the "goldsmith, who coveted the carpenter's gold, and "abandoned a friendship of many years standing."

Khojisteh having desired to hear the detail of the story, the parrot repeated it as follows:

"In

طوطي گفت که در شهري با زرگري و نجار آن چنان محبت و دوستي بود که هرکس که ایشانرا دیدي برادر پند اشتي وقتي زرگر و نجار باهم بسفر رفتند و در شهري رسیدند و انجا بسیار بیخرچ شدند با خودها گفتند که درین شهر بتخانهٔ است انجا بتان زرین بسیار هستند مصلحت آنست که ما خودهارا برهمن سازیم و دران بتخانه برویم و عبادت کنیم هرگاه وقت فرصت بیابیم چند بت را از انجا دزدي کنیم

پس هر دو دران بتخانه رفته عبادت آغاز کردند و شروع نمودند برهمنان دیگر چون عبادت ایشان را دیدند شرمنده شدند یک دو برهمن هر روز ازان بت خانه بیرون رفتندي و باز نامدندي اگر کسي از انها مي پرسید که چرا بتخانه را گذاشتید گفتندي که ما مردمان عبادت کردن نمیتوانیم چنانکه آن دو کسان میکنند ازین سبب شرم میکنیم بعد چند روز بت خانه مسطور از همه برهمنان

" In a certain city there had subsisted such friend-
" ship between a goldsmith and a carpenter, that
" every person who saw them imagined them to be
" brothers. Once on a time they undertook a jour-
" ney together, and on their arrival at a certain city
" were much distressed for the means of defraying
" their expences. They said to each other, As there
" is in the city an idol temple, wherein are many
" golden images, it is adviseable that we feign our-
" selves Brahmins, and, entering into the service of
" the temple, perform our devotions, till we can find
" a convenient opportunity for stealing some of the
" images. Then both having entered the temple,
" they began to worship.

" The other Brahmins, beholding their mode of
" worshipping, were so much ashamed that every
" day one or two Brahmins left the temple, and did
" not return; and if any person questioned them
" why they had done so, they would say, Because we
" men are not able to perform the ceremonies in
" the manner that these two persons go through
" them; on which account we feel shame. After
" some days the temple was entirely deserted by the
" Brahmins, no person remaining but the goldsmith

 " and

برهمنان خالي شد و در انجا جز زرکر و نجار کسي ديکر
نماند شبي زرکر و نجار آن همه بتان را کرفتند و
طرف شهر خودها روان شدند

چون نزديک شهر خودها رسيدند بتان را زير
درخت دفن کردند و بخانه خودها آمدند شبي زرکر
تنها آنجا رفت و همه بتان را در خانه خود آورد و در
وقت فجر و صبح نجار را کفت که اي دزد محبت
قديم فراموش کردي و حصهٔ من هم دزديدي
آن زر چند روز خواهي خورد نجار حيران شد و با دل
خود کفت که اين چه ميکويد و جواب داد که اي
زرکر هرچه کردهٔ پنداشته ام براي خدا بر من
تهمت منه نجار عاقل بود با او قضيه و فساد نمودن
هيچ فايده نديد و خاموش ماند بعد چندي نجار همچون
زرکر صورتي از چوب ساخت و لباس زرکر اورا
پوشانيد و دو خرس بچه از کسي جا آورد و طعمهٔ
آنها در دامن و آستين آن صورت مي نهاد
هرکاه که خرس بچکان کرسنه ميشدند طعمه از دامن

" and the carpenter. One night the goldsmith and
" the carpenter seized all the images, and set out for
" their own city.

" When they arrived in the neighbourhood of
" their own city, they buried the images under a
" tree, and then went to their respective homes.
" One night the goldsmith went alone, and carried all
" the images to his own house. In the morning
" he exclaimed against the carpenter, saying, Thief!
" thou hast forgotten our long friendship, and stolen
" my share: this money you will devour in a few
" days. *At first* the carpenter was astonished, and
" said *to himself,* What is that he saith? O gold-
" smith! I suspect your doings; but, however, for
" God's sake, don't fix any accusation on me! The
" carpenter was a shrewd fellow, and seeing that it
" was to no purpose to wrangle or dispute, remained
" silent.

" Some time after, the carpenter made a figure of
" wood resembling the goldsmith, and having dressed
" it in his clothes, got from some place or other, two
" bears' cubs, whose victuals he put into the skirts and
" sleeves of the clothes on the figure. Whenever
" the cubs were hungry, they ate their food out of
" the

و آستین آنصورت مي خوردند چون بچکان خرس را
بآن صورت الفتي و محبتي بسيار شد نجار
مذکور زرکررا و زنان زرکر و زنان همسايه را
ضيافت کرد زن زرکر با دو پسران خود در خانه
نجار رفت نجار آن پسران را جاي پنها کرده آن
دو خرس بچکان را آورد و شور و غوغا آغاز کرد که
پسران زرکر همچو بچکان خرس شدند زرکر این
شور شنیده انجا رسید و با نجار کفت که دروغ
میکوئي آدمي کاهي همچو خرس نشده آخرش این
قضيه پيش حاکم و قاضي انجا رفت و رجوع شد
قاضي پرسيد از نجار که این احوال چکونه شد
نجار کفت پسران زرکر باهم بازي ميکردند
اتفاقا بر زمین افتادند و همچو بچکان خرس مسخ
شدند قاضي فرمود که سخن تو چکونه باور کنم
نجار کفت در کتب دیده‌ام که قومي مسخ شده
بودند صورت انها تبدیل شده اما عقل انها
همچنان بر قرار مانده پس اکر این بچکان کسان

و

" the skirts and sleeves of the effigy's garment. As
" soon as the cubs had conceived a great attachment
" to the figure, the carpenter made a feast for the
" goldsmith and the females of his family, with other
" women of the neighbourhood. The goldsmith's
" wife, with her two sons, came to the carpenter's
" house. The carpenter having concealed the boys,
" brought in the two whelps, and then began to bawl
" and cry out, that the goldsmith's sons were trans-
" formed into bears' cubs.—The goldsmith hearing
" the disturbance, came to the spot, and said to the
" carpenter, You assert a falsity, for never was a man
" transformed into a bear. At length the dispute
" was referred to the Governor and Cazy of the place,
" and brought before them. The Cazy inquired of
" the carpenter how the case stood. The carpenter
" replied, The goldsmith's sons were playing together,
" when suddenly falling on the ground they were
" changed into bears' cubs. The Cazy said, How can
" I credit your assertion? The carpenter replied, I
" have seen, in ancient books, that a whole tribe was
" metamorphosed; their forms having been changed,
" whilst their reason continued: therefore, if these
" cubs know persons, and can distinguish their friends,

" my

و دوستان خودرا شناختن توانند سخن من
بیقین خواهد در آمد حالا این بچکانرا در میان کچهري
و تمامي خلایق بگذارم اگر زرگر را بشناسند
بچکان او پند قاضي سخن نجار شنید و پسندید
و بچکان را فرو گذاشت چون زرگررا صورت همچو
صورت چوب دیدند بچکان باوجود آن مجمع نزد
زرگر رفتند و در پایش سر خودها مالیدند و بازي و
لعب کردن گرفتند قاضي اینهمه احوال دیده با زرگر
گفت که اي زرگر الحال مرا باور شد که این
بچکان تو هستند اینها را بخانهٔ خود ببر ناحق
بشرارت با نجار چرا قضیه میکني زرگر لاچار شده
سربر پاي نجار انداخت و معذرت و عذر خواهي
کرد و گفت اگر تو این حکمت براي گرفتن حصه
آن زر کردهٔ اکنون زر بگیر و پسران من بمن بده
نجار گفت که تو خیانت کردهٔ و خیانت گناه عظیم
دارد اگر توبه کني تعجب نیست که بچکان تو بصورت
اصلي

" my assertion will be established. Now I will let
" loose these cubs in the middle of the court amongst
" all the people, when, if they recognize the gold-
" smith, they are his children. The Cazy having heard
" and approved of the carpenter's proposal, the cubs
" were then let loose, when seeing the goldsmith,
" the exact counter-part of the wooden figure, they
" ran to him, rubbed their heads against his feet,
" and began to play and frisk about. When the
" Cazy considered all these circumstances, he said to
" the goldsmith, Now I do believe that these cubs
" are your children—take them home with you:—
" Why do you thus unjustly and thro' malice wran-
" gle with the carpenter? The goldsmith being con-
" founded, laid his head at the carpenter's feet, and
" asked pardon for his misdemeanors, saying, If this
" is your contrivance in order to recover your share
" of the gold, take the gold immediately, and return
" me my children. The carpenter said, You acted
" unfairly, and dishonesty is a grievous sin: should
" you repent, it would not be astonishing if your
" children were restored to their original form. The
" goldsmith surrendered to the carpenter his share
" of the gold in question; when the carpenter, in

" return,

اصلي شوند زرگر حصه زر مذكور به نجار داد و نجار
نيز بچگان را پيش زرگر آورده داد

طوطي چون اين حكايت زرگر و نجار تمام كرد
خجسته را گفت كه تو اين زيور با خود مبر مبادا كه
دوست تو طمع درين زيوار ات كند و دوستي و
محبت تو بگذارد خجسته خواست كه زيوررا از اندام
بيرون آرد و جدا كند و جانب دوست برود صبح
صادق روي نمود رفتن خجسته موقوف گشت

" return, brought out the children and presented
" them to the goldsmith."

The parrot having finished the story of the goldsmith and the carpenter, said to Khojisteh, Carry not these jewels with you, lest your lover covet them, and cease to entertain friendship and regard for you. Khojisteh wanted to take off the ornaments from her person, and lay them aside, and to go to her sweet-heart, when Aurora appearing, the departure was deferred.

حکایت چهارم امیر زاده و زن لشکري که امیر زاده امتحان کرده بود

چون افتاب غروب شد و ماه طلوع کرد خجستهٔ پیش طوطي آمد و گفت ترا از درد من هیچ خبر نیست نمي داني که از عشق بي تابم امشب مرا دستوري ده تا بروم پیش دوست خود طوطي گفت مرا نیز از غم تو سینه سوزان و چاک شد تو که هرشب این حکایات از من مي شنوي و پیش یار خود نمیروي چرا میترسم که اگر شویتو برسد از دوست شرمنده شوي چنانکه از زن لشکري و امیر زاده شرمنده شده بود خجسته پرسید که و آن حکایت زن لشکري و امیر زاده چگونه است طوطي

TALE THE FOURTH.

The Nobleman and the Soldier's Wife, whose Virtue he put to the proof.

WHEN the sun was set, and the moon had risen, Khojisteh came to the parrot, and said, "You pay "no regard to my anguish: know you not that I "am distracted with love? Give me leave this very "night to go to my sweet-heart." The parrot replied, "My own breast is inflamed and torn on account of your sorrow. For, as you will hear my "tales every night, instead of going to your lover, I am "afraid lest your husband arrive, and you get shame "with your sweet-heart, in the same manner as the "soldier's wife put to confusion the nobleman." Khojisteh desired to hear the story.

The

طوطي گفت كه در شهري مردي بود لشكري
زني داشت بسيار خوبصورت مرد هميشه خبرداري
او ميكرد چون مرد بسيار مفلس شد زن شوهررا
گفت چرا كسب و كار ترك كردي شوهر گفت بر
تو اعتماد ندارم ازين سبب كسي جا براي
نوكري و چاكري نميروم زن گفت اين خيال فاسد
است زن صالحهرا كسي مرد نمي تواند فريفت و
زن فاسقه را كسي شوهر محافظت نميتواند كرد
حكايت آن جوكي نشنيدهٔ كه زن خودرا برپشت
خود ميداشت و در بيابان ميكرديد زن او باصد
مرد بدكاري كرد لشكري پرسيد حكايت آن چگونه
بود زن گفتن اغاز كرد كه وقتي مردي در بيابان
پيلي ديد بر پشت او عماري مرد از بيم او بالاي
درختي بر آمد اتفاقا پيل بزير همان درخت آمده
عماري از پشت خود فرود اورد و خود بچريدن رفت
چون ناگاه دران عماري زني را خوش جمال و مليح
ديد بنابران مرد از بالاي درخت فرود آمد و بازن

The parrot said, " In a certain city dwelt a mili-
" tary man, who had a very beautiful wife, on whose
" account he was always under apprehension. The
" man being indigent, the wife asked him why he
" had quitted his occupation and profession? He
" answered, I have not confidence in you, and there-
" fore do not go any-where in quest of employment.
" The wife said, This is a perverse conceit, for no
" one can seduce a virtuous woman ; and if a wo-
" man is vicious, no husband is able to guard her.
" Have you never heard the story of the Jowgee,
" who kept his wife upon his back, and wandered
" about in the desart ; *notwithstanding which*, she
" was guilty of infidelity with an hundred men? The
" soldier asked, What kind of story is that?

" The wife began with saying, that, once on a
" time, a man saw in the desart an elephant with a
" litter on his back. The man, alarmed thereat,
" climbed up into a tree. By chance the elephant
" came under that very tree, and having slipt off the
" litter from his back, went himself to graze. The
" man, on a sudden, discovering a beautiful woman
" in the litter, descended from the tree, and set about
" ingratiating himself with her: she also being well

" inclined

مطایبه اغاز کرد زن نیز بسیار خوشوقت شد
با او سخنان مطالب خود نمود القصه هر دو با ستر
ضاي خود ها بکار شنیعه مرتکب و مشغول شدند
بعد انفراغ کار زن یک رسن از جیب خود
بر اورده پراز کره و یک کره دیکر داد مرد پرسید
که این چه ریسماني و چکونه پراز کره است و کره
دیکر بر او بستي و از بهر چیست زن کفت
شوهر من جادوکر است خودرا مانند شکل پیل
متمثل ساخته مرا بر پشت خود میدارد و در بیابان
میکردد اکرچه خبر داري ما بسیار میکند لیکن قبل
ازین با صد مرد کاربد کرده کره این ریسمان براي
یاد داشت داشته امروز بتوجه تو یکصد و یک
کره شد القصه زن لشکري چون این قصه تمام
کرد لشکري کفت اکنون مرا چه میکوئي زن
کفت مصلحت و بهتري تو درین است که بسفر
بروي و نوکري کني کلدستهٔ تازه و تربتو خواهم داد
تا که آن کلدسته تازه و تر خواهد ماند تو یقین بداني
که

" inclined towards him, began to speak to him in
" such words as suited her purpose. In short, they
" gratified their mutual evil inclinations ; after which
" the woman took out of her pocket a string full of
" knots, and added thereto one more knot. The
" man inquired about the string, how it happened to
" have so many knots, and what was the reason of
" her adding another to the number ? The woman
" replied, My husband, who is a magician, has trans-
" formed himself into an elephant, and wanders about
" the desart with me on his back ; yet, notwith-
" standing he watches me so narrowly, I had before
" this carnal knowledge of one hundred men, the
" memory of whom I have preserved by making
" knots on this string ; and to-day, through your
" condescension, the number of knots is increased
" to an hundred and one !

" Briefly—When the soldier's wife had con-
" cluded the story, the husband asked what she had
" further to say to him ? The wife replied, It is
" most eligible for you to travel, and get into ser-
" vice. I will give you a fresh and lively nose-
" gay; as long as the nosegay shall continue
" in this state, you may be assured that I have

" not

که من هیچ کار بد نکرده اگر آن گلدسته پژمرده
شود پنداري که از من چیزي تقصیر شده لشکري
این سخن شنیده اختیار سفر نمود زنش وقت
رفتن یک دسته گل بشوهر خود داد و او در شهري
دیگر رسیده بسر کار امیر زادهٔ انجا نوکر شد و
لشکري آن گلدسته را همیشه با خود داشتي
بعد رسیدن ایام خزان امیر زاده با حاضران
مجلس گفت که درین هنگام در هیچ باغ گل تازه
بنظر در نمي اید و بمردمان عهده دستیاب نمیشود
بسیار تعجب است این مرد سپاهي غریب هر
روز گلدستهٔ تازهٔ و تر از کجامي آرد همه ها گفتند که
مایان نیز تعجب میکنیم پس امیر زاده از لشکري
پرسید که این گلدسته چگونه است گفت که این
گلدسته زن من براي نشاني عصمت و پاکي
خود بمن داده است و گفته که تا این گلدسته تازه
و تر خواهد ماند تو یقین بداني که دامن من از هیچ
تقصیر

" not committed any bad action; if the nosegay
" should wither, you will then know that I have
" been guilty of some fault. The soldier listened
" to these words, and resolved on taking a journey.
" On his departure, the wife presented him with a
" nosegay. When he arrived at a certain city, he
" engaged in the service of a nobleman of that place.
" The soldier always took the nosegay along with
" him. When the winter season arrived, the no-
" bleman said to his attendants, At this time of the
" year a fresh flower is not to be seen in any garden,
" neither is such a thing procurable by persons of
" rank; it is wonderful from whence this stranger,
" the soldier, brings a fresh nosegay every day. They
" said that they also were astonished at this circum-
" stance. Then the nobleman asked the soldier,
" What kind of a nosegay is this? He answered,
" My wife gave me this nosegay as an emblem of
" her chastity, saying, As long as this nosegay con-
" tinues alive and fresh, know you of a truth that
" my

تقصیر ملوث نشده امیر زاده خندید و گفت که زن تو ساحر و جاد و کراست

القصه امیر زاده دو مطبخ داشت بسیار دانا وزیرک یکي را فرمود که در وطن لشکري رفته بمکر و فریب و حیله با زن او همبستر شود و جلد باز گشته از کیفیت زن اطلاع دهد و این گلدسته تازه ماند یانه معلوم شود مطبخ بموجب حکم امیر زاده در شهر او رفت و یک زن دلاله را نزد زن او فرستاد دلاله پیش زن او رفته بفریب و خداع پیغام مطبخ باو رسانید زن دلاله را هیچ نگفت و جواب داد که آن مرد را پیش من بیار به بینم که لایق من است یانه دلاله مطبخ را پیش زن لشکري برد زن در گوش مطبخ گفت که حالا از ینجا برو و با دلاله بگو که این زن لایق من نیست با چنین زن دوستي نخواهم کرد بعد ازان تنها در خانهٔ من بیاد دلاله را خبر مکن زیرا که ازین قوم راز ظاهر میشود مطبخ این سخن پسندید و انچنان کرد زن در خانهٔ

" my virtue is unsullied. The nobleman laughing, " said, that his wife must be a conjuror or a sorceress.

" In a few words, the nobleman had two cooks, " remarkable for their cunning and adroitness. To " one of these he said, Repair to the soldier's coun- " try, where, through artifice and deceit, contrive to " form an intimacy with his wife, and return quickly " with a particular account of her; when it will be " be seen whether this nosegay will continue fresh " and gay, or not. In conformity to the nobleman's " commands, the cook, having gone to the soldier's " city, sent a procuress to the wife, who, through " treachery and deceit, waited on her, and delivered " the message. The wife did not give any *direct* " assent to the procuress; but said, Send the man to " me, in order that I may see whether he will be " agreeable to me or not. The procuress introduced " the cook to the soldier's wife, who said in his ear, " Go away for the present, and tell the procuress I " will have nothing to say to such a woman as this; " then come alone to my house without apprizing " the procuress, for these sort of gentry cannot pre- " serve a secret. The cook approved of her plan,

" and

خانهٔ خود چاهي داشت خشک بالاي آن چاه چادري
بر چهار پائي از ريسمان خام بافته بگسترد چون
مطبخ باز آمد زن بران چهار پائي اورا نشستن
فرمود مطبخ بالاي چار پائي نشست و فرو افتاد و شور
کردن گرفت زن لشکري پرسيد که راست بگو که
تو کيستي و از کجا آمدي مطبخ ناچار تمام احوال
لشکري و امير زاده گفت

القصه مطبخ ازين حادثه رفتن نتوانست مجبور ماند
مدتي بدين صورت بگذشت اميرزاده از باعث دير
شدن مطبخ مذکور ديگر مطبخ را بسيار مال و
روپيه داده بطريق سوداگران نزد زن سپاهي
فرستاد او نيز بدستور مطبخ اولين در انجا بهمون
و قيره قيد شد بعد ازان از نامدن هردو مطبخ در
تعجب شدند که ازين هردو يکي باز نگشتند
اينمعني خالي از خلل و قباحت نيست اکنون
بهتر ان است که من خود بروم

روزي اميرزاده از بهانهٔ شکار بيرون رفت و
لشکري

" and acted accordingly. The woman had in her
" house a dry well, on which she placed a bedstead
" very slightly laced, and spread over it a sheet: when
" the cook returned, she told him to sit down on
" that bed; and he, having placed himself thereon,
" fell through, and began to bawl out. The soldier's
" wife said, Tell me truly who thou art, and from
" whence you came? The forlorn cook confessed
" all the circumstances about the soldier and the no-
" bleman.

" The short of the story is this—The cook, un-
" able to get out of the scrape, continued in this
" distressful situation. When some time had passed
" in this manner, and the first cook did not return,
" the nobleman gave the other cook a large sum of
" money, with abundance of goods, and sent him to
" the soldier's wife, in the character of a merchant.
" He pursued the like course with the other, and
" was caught in the same whirlpool. The nobleman,
" astonished that neither of the two cooks came back
" again, and perceiving that some evil or mischief
" must have happened to them, at length resolved
" to go himself.

" One day the nobleman, under pretence of hunt-

" ing,

لشکري نيز همراه اميرزاده روانه شد چون در شهر
او رسيد لشکري در خانه خود رفت و کلدسته تازه
در پيش زن نهاد زن همه ماجرا با شوهر کفت روز
دويم لشکري اميرزاده را در خانه خود برد و ضيافت
و مهماني نمود و آن هردو مطبخ را از چاه بر آورده و
بانها کفت که مهمانان بخانه ما آمده اند شما هردو لباس
کنيزان پوشيده طعام پيش انهاء بريد و خدمت
او کنيد بعد از ان شمارا آزاد خواهم کرد هردو
مطبخ لباس و پارچه پوشيدند و طعام پيش
اميرزاده بردند و از عقوبت چاه و غذاي بد موهاي
سرو ريش هردو مطبخ ريخته و افتاده بودند و رنك
روي آنها متغير و تبديل شده بود اميرزاده از
لشکري پرسيد که اين کنيزان چه کناه کرده اند که
موي سر ايشان تراشيدهٔ لشکري کفت که
تقصير عظيم کرده اند از ايشان بپرسند چون
نيکو بنکريست شناخت و ايشان نيز اميرزاده را
شناختند و بسيار کريستن آغاز نهادند و برپاي
اميرزاده

" ing, set out, attended by the soldier. When they
" arrived at the soldier's city, he went to his own
" house and presented his wife with the fresh nose-
" gay. The wife told her husband all that had hap-
" pened. The next day the soldier conducted the
" nobleman to his dwelling, and prepared an hospit-
" able entertainment. He took both the cooks out of
" the well, and said to them, Guests are come to my
" house; do you both put on women's clothes, place
" the victuals before them, and wait at table; after
" which I will set you at liberty. The two cooks put
" on female apparel, and served up the victuals to
" the nobleman. From their sufferings in the well,
" and bad diet, the hair had fallen from both their
" heads, and their complexion was very much changed.
" The nobleman said to the soldier, What crimes
" have these girls been guilty of, that the hair of their
" heads has been shaved? The soldier answered,
" They have committed a great fault; ask themselves.
" When he examined them more attentively, he knew
" them. They, in their turn, having discovered the

" nobleman,

اميرزاده افتادند و بر عصمت و پارسائي آن زن
گواهي دادند زن از پس پرده اواز كرد كه اي
اميرزاده من آن زن ام كه تو مرا جادوگر
پنداشتي و مردمان را براي امتحان و آزمودن
فرستادي و بر شوهر من خنديدي الحال ديدي چگونه
ام اميرزاده شرمنده و عذر تقصيرات كرد
چون طوطي اين حكايت زن لشكري تمام كرد
خجسته را گفت كه اي كد بانو تو جلد تر پيش
محبوب خود برو مبادا كه شوي تو برسد و از معشوق
خود شرمنده شوي چنانكه اميرزاده ز زن لشكري
شرمنده شد خجسته خاست و قصد رفتن كرد همان
وقت خروس آواز كرد و صبح ظاهر شد رفتن
خجسته موقوف كرديد

" nobleman, began to weep grievously, fell at his feet,
" and bore testimony of the woman's chastity and in-
" nocence. The wife called out from behind a cur-
" tain, Ay, my lord, I am that woman whom you
" suspected to be a sorceress, and sent men to put
" me to the proof, and laughed at my husband. Now
" you have learnt my character. The nobleman was
" abashed, and asked forgiveness for his offences."

The parrot having concluded this story of the soldier's wife, said to Khojisteh, " My princess, go quickly " to your lover, lest your husband should arrive, and " you incur shame with your friend, in the same " manner as the nobleman was confounded by the " soldier's wife." Khojisteh wanted, and made an effort to go; but at the very time the cock crowed, and day appearing, her departure was deferred.

حکایت پنجم زرگر و نجار و خیاط و زاهد که جهة عورت چوبي قضیه کرده بودند

چون آفتاب در مغرب رفت و ماه از مشرق
بر آمد خجسته بطلب رخصت بر طوطي رفت و
گفت امشب دستوري ده که پیش محبوب خود روم
طوطي گفت اي کدبانو ترا هرشب رخصت میدهم
چرا توقف مي کني میترسم که ناگاه شوهرتو برسد و
احوال همچو آن قصه چهار شخص شود خجسته
پرسید که حکایت آن چهار شخص چگونه است
طوطي گفت وقتي یک زرگر و یک نجار و یک
خیاط و زاهد باهم سفر کردند شبي در صحرائي مقام
نمودند و با خود گفتند که امشب درین صحرا باشیم
و پاسباني کنیم چهار کس هستیم هر یک یکپاس
شب

TALE THE FIFTH.

The Goldsmith, the Carpenter, the Taylor, and the Hermit, who quarrelled about a Wooden Woman.

WHEN the sun descended into the west, and the moon arose from the east, Khojisteh went to the parrot to ask leave, and said, "Give me permission this "night to go to my lover." The parrot answered, "My princess, I have given you leave every night; "why do you tarry? I am afraid your husband may "arrive unexpectedly, and matters fall out like what "happened to four persons."

Khojisteh desiring to hear the story, the parrot said, "Once on a time, a goldsmith, a carpenter, a taylor, and "a hermit, travelling together, halted one night in a "desert place, and said amongst themselves, We "shall continue in this desert to-night, and keep "guard, us four persons taking a watch a-piece; to "which words they unanimously agreed. The first

"watch

شب نگهباني کنيم همه اين سخن پسنديدند پاس
اول نجار پاسباني کردن گرفت و براي دفع خواب
تيشه بر آورد و از چوب صورتي ساخت پاس
دوم چون نوبت زرگر رسيد و آن صورت چوب را
ديد که از زرو زيور خالي با دل خود گفت که نجار
يک صورت چوب ساخته و هنر خود نموده من هم
هنر خود نمايم و زيورات براي گوش و گردن
و دست و پاي او بسازم و آن صورت را بپوشانم
که حسن او زياده شود چنانچه زيور تيار ساخته بآن
لعبت پوشانيد پاس سيوم چون نوبت
خياط رسيد بيدار شد زني را ديد نهايت خوب صورت
و خوش اندام و زيورات لطيف پوشيده اما برهنه
است در حال لباس پاکيزه عروسانه دوخت و
اورا پوشانيده از ان رونق او افزود پاس چهارم
نوبت زاهد شد و جهته پاس بر خاست و انصورت
دلاويزرا ديد زاهد وضو کرد و نماز گذارد و ادا کرد
بعد از ان دعا کرد که خدايا اين صورت را جان
بده

" watch the carpenter stood guard ; and, in order to
" prevent sleep, took an axe and made a figure out of
" wood. The second watch, when the goldsmith's
" turn came, seeing the wooden figure, that it was
" void of gold and jewels, he said in his heart, The
" carpenter has exhibited his art by carving this
" wooden figure ; I must also shew my skill, and
" make ornaments for the ears, neck, arms, and feet,
" and put them on the figure, to add to the elegance
" thereof. In such manner having prepared the
" jewels, he put them on the puppet. The third
" watch, when the taylor's turn came, he awoke. He
" saw a woman with an exceeding beautiful face and
" handsome person, decked with exquisite jewels ;
" but naked :—on the instant, he made up neat
" clothes becoming a bride, and, putting them on her,
" thereby added to her elegance. The fourth watch
" belonged to the hermit, who, when he came to
" take the guard, beheld that captivating form. The
" hermit performed his ablutions and prayers ; after
" which he made supplication, ' O God ! give life

" ' to

بده در حال دران صورت جان در آمد و همچو مردم
سخن کردن کرفت چون شب آخر شد و افتاب بر
آمد هر چهار کس بران صورت عاشق و مبتلا شدند
نجار کفت من والي اين زنم زيرا که من از خود
تراشده و ساخته ام من خواهم کرفت زرکر کفت
که اين عروس مراشايد زيرا که من زيور اورا
پوشانيده ام خياط کفت که اين زن آزان من
است زيرا که برهنه بود پارچه براي او من دوخته
و پوشانيده ام زاهد کفت که اين صورت چوبي بود
از دعاي من جان يافته من خواهم کرفت القصه
قضيهٔ ايشان طول کشت اتفاقا شخصي آنجا رسيد
و اينها از و انصاف خواستند ان شخص چون روي
زن مذکور ديد کفت که اين منکوحه من است شمايان
اين زن را فريب داده از خانه من آورديد و از
من جدا کرديد چنانچه آنهارا شخص مذکور کرفته
پيش کوتوال چون روي زن ديد کفت که اين
زن برادر من است برادر من اين را همراه خود

بسفر

" 'to this figure !' Immediately the figure received
" life, so that it spoke like an human being. When
" night was ended, and the sun arose, all these four
" persons were desperately in love with the figure.
" The carpenter said, I am the master of this wo-
" man, because I carved her with my own hands:
" I will take her. The goldsmith said, She ought
" to be my bride, seeing that I have decked her
" with jewels. The taylor asserted, This woman is
" my property, for when she was naked I made
" clothes and dressed her. The hermit said, This
" was a figure of wood, which having obtained life
" at my prayers, I will take her. In short, this
" dispute had continued a long time, when acci-
" dentally there came to the spot a person whom
" they desired to do justice between them. When
" this man saw the woman's face, he exclaimed,
" This is my lawful spouse, whom you have seduced
" from my house and separated from me. After
" this manner, he seized and carried them before
" the Cutwal. When the Cutwal beheld the wo-
" man's countenance, he cried out, This is my
" brother's wife, whom he took with him on a

" journey:

بسفر برده بود شمایان برادر مرا کشته این زن
کرفته اید بعد ازان کوتوال این همه را کرفته پیش
قاضي برد قاضي چون برزن نظر کرد کفت که شمایان
کیستید مدت است که این زن را من تلاش
میکنم این کنیز من است بسیار نقد و جنس من
کرفته کریخته بود حالا مال و اجناس مرا کجاست
جواب کویید

چون این خصومت و قضیه بسیار دراز کشید و
بطول انجامید و مردمان بسیار براي تماشا جمع
شدند و دران مجمع و انبوه پیري حاضر بود کفت
این قضیه از کسي مردم فیصل نخواهد شد و در فلان
شهر درختي است بزرک و کهنه نام آندرخت
سجره الحکم است هر قضیه که از مردمان انفصال
نمي شود پیش آندرخت مي برند ازان درخت
آواز مي براید که حق کیست و دعوي و سخن باطل
کدام است القصه آن هفت مردم زیر درخت
مذکور رفتند و زن را نیز همراه بردند و همه احوال
خودها

" journey: you have killed my brother, and taken
" the woman by force. Hereupon the Cutwal ap-
" prehended them, and carried them before the Cazy.
" When the Cazy looked at the woman, he interro-
" gated them, saying, Who are you? For a long
" time past I have been inquiring after this woman;
" she is my bondmaid, who absconded with a great
" deal of my money; now, where is my money and
" effects? give an answer.

" When this quarrel and altercation had run to
" great length, and many people were collected to-
" gether to see the sight, an old man, who was pre-
" sent, said, This dispute will not be decided by any
" man: but in such a city there is a large old tree,
" called the Tree of Decision; every dispute that
" men are unable to determine, is carried before this
" tree, from which a voice issues, declaring on whose
" side there is justice, and whose claim is false. To
" shorten the story, these seven men went under the
" tree, and also carried the woman along with them;

خود ها پیش آن درخت عرض کردند در حال تنبه
درخت شکافت و آن زن دویده دران شکافت
و تنبه درخت پیوست و گم شد و از ان
درخت اواز بر آمد که هرچیز بطرف اصل خود
میرود و هفت عاشق آن زن شرمنده شدند
طوطي چون این حکایت تمام کرد با خجسته
گفت که اي کدبانو میترسم که ناگاه شوهر تو
برسد و ترا چون آندرخت پیش خود گیرد و از
معشوق خود شرمنده شوي برخیز و جانب
معشوق و یار خود برو خجسته خواست که نزد او
برود همانندم خروس آواز کرد و اثار صبح ظاهر شد
رفتن خجسته موقوف گردید

“ and each of them set forth the circumstances of his
“ particular case. On the instant, the trunk of the
“ tree divided asunder, and the woman ran into the
“ cleft, upon which the tree reunited, and she disap-
“ peared. A voice proceeded from the tree, that
“ every thing returns to its first principles; and
“ the seven suitors for the woman were overwhelmed
“ with shame.”

The parrot having concluded this tale, said to Khojisteh, “ Mistress, I am apprehensive your husband
“ may come unexpectedly; and, like the tree, unite
“ you to himself, and you get shame with your lo-
“ ver: arise and go towards your sweet-heart and
“ friend.” Khojisteh intended to have gone to him, at which instant the cock crowed, and the signs of morning appeared, when her visit was put off.

حکایت ششم راي قنوج و دختر او و عاشق شدن درویشي بر دختر مذکوره

چون افتاب در مغرب فرو رفت و ماه از مشرق
بر آمد خجسته بکمال زیب وزینت بطلب رخصت
بر طوطي رفت و گفت که من شرمندهٔ تو هستم
زیرا که هر شب پیش تو مي آیم و ترا تصدیع میدهم
براي خاطر من خواب و آرام نمیکني شکر الطاف
تو چه گونه از کدام زبان کنم و بگویم طوطي
گفت که من بندهٔ تو هستم هرچند همچو بندگان
کسي کار تو کردن نمي توانم لیکن زود تر ترا
بمعشوق تو خواهم رسانید و همچو راي رایان که
حکایت او شنیده باشي براي تو سعي خواهم
نمود خجسته پرسید حکایت که آن چه گونه است

TALE THE SIXTH.

The King of Kinoje and his Daughter, with whom a Dirveish became enamoured.

WHEN the sun sunk beneath the west, and the moon arose from the east, Khojisteh, completely decked and ornamented, went to the parrot to ask leave, saying, " I am ashamed *to appear* before you, " and that you should have so much trouble for my " sake : you neither sleep nor take rest ; how shall " I thank you for your favours ? how can my tongue " perform and utter it ?" The parrot answered, " I " am your slave, although by no means able to exe- " cute any business of yours in a manner becoming " a servant ; however, I will speedily send you to " your lover, and exert myself in your cause, like the " royroyan, whose story you may have heard." Khojisteh asked, " What is the nature of the story ?"

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طوطي كفت كه راي قنوج دختري داشت ماه رو
نهايت خوبصورت اتفاقا درويشي بر و عاشق شد
و در عشق او ديوانه و بيهوش كرديد هركاه هوشيار
مي شد با خود ميكفت كه اين چه ديوانكي است
و درويش را با پادشاه چه نسبت بعد چند روز
درويش براجه پيغام فرستاد كه دختر خود را بمن
ده كه اورا بسيار دوست ميدارم و بر كدائي من
و پادشاهي خود نظر مكن را جه چون اين سخن
درويش شنيد سخت بر آشفت و اورا سياست
كردن فرمود وزير كفت كه او درويش است
پادشاه درويشانرا رنج نميدهد اورا بديكر حكمت
ازين شهر دور خواهم كرد بعد از ان وزير
درويش را طلبيد و كفت كه اكر يك پيل بارزر
بياري دختر شاه بتوسپارم درويش در فكران زر
شد شخصي درويش مذكور را كفت كه اكر زر
مطابق بار يك پيل خواهي پيش راي رايان
برو و احوال خودرا با و بكو و بخواه البته اين
قدر

The parrot said, " The king of Kinoje had a
" daughter, whose face was *as fair* as the moon, and
" her features exceedingly beautiful. It happened
" that a dirveish fell in love with her, and from this
" passion became mad and senseless. Whenever he
" had lucid intervals, he would say to himself, What
" a folly is this! how can a beggar be related to a
" monarch? After some days the dirveish sent a
" message to the king, Give me your daughter, be-
" cause I have a great regard for her; consider not
" my poverty, and your own royalty. The king, on
" hearing these words of the dirveish, was violently
" enraged, and gave orders for him to be punished.
" The vizier said, He is a dirveish, and your Majesty
" never distresses dirveishes: I will contrive some
" other means of sending him out of the city. Af-
" terwards the vizier sent for the dirveish, and said
" to him, If you will bring an elephant load of gold, I
" will deliver to you the king's daughter. When
" the dirveish was considering how to procure the
" money, a person said to him, If you require as
" much gold as an elephant can carry, go to the roy-
" royan, represent your situation, and ask; when
" he

قدر زر بتو خواهد بخشید درویش پیش راي رایان
رفت و احوال خود عرض نمود راي رایان در حال
پیلي پراز زر بار بدرویش عطا کرد درویش
آن زر را پیش راجه برد راجه وزیر را کفت
حکمتیکه کردي پیش نرفت زیرا که درویش پیل
پراز بار زر آورد وزیر کفت که راي رایان بخشیده
باشد درینوقت کسي این چنین سخاوت کردن
نمي تواند اکنون حکمتي دیکر باید کرد وزیر درویش را
کفت که دختر راجه را به بدل یک فیل پراز
بارزر نخواهي یافت لیکن اکر سر راي رایان
بیاري البته دختر راجه بیابي درویش باز پیش
راي رایان رفت و احوال خود کفت راي رایان
فرمود که خاطر جمعدار و براي سر من اندیشه
مکن سالهاست که سر خود بردست میدارم که هر که
بخواهد اورا بدهم تو رسني در کلوي من به بند و
مرا پیش راجه ببر و بکو که آن سر که خواستید
معه تن او آوردم اکر قبول کند سر از تن من
جدا کن

" he will certainly bestow on you this quantity of
" gold. The dirveish went to the royroyan, and
" set forth his case. The royroyan immediately
" bestowed on the dirveish an elephant-load of gold,
" which he carried to the rajah. The rajah said to
" the vizier, Your scheme has not succeeded, for the
" dirveish has brought the elephant-load of gold.
" The vizier said, The royroyan must have given it;
" in these days no other person is capable of perform-
" ing such an act of munificence : now, some other
" plan must be pursued. The vizier said to the
" dirveish, You will not obtain the rajah's daughter
" in exchange for an elephant-load of gold ; but if
" you bring the royroyan's head, certainly you shall
" have her. The dirveish went again to the royroyan,
" and told the circumstances of his case. The roy-
" royan said, Set your mind at rest, and be not un-
" easy about my head ; for many years I have kept
" my head in my hand, ready to be given to who-
" soever should require it : do you tie a rope round
" my neck, and carry me before the rajah, and say,
" I have brought the head which you required, to-
" gether with its body ; if he consents, separate my
" head from my body ; and should he demand any

جدا کن و اکر چیزي دیکر نخواهد تدبیران خواهم کرد درویش آن چنان کرد و رايِ رايان را رسن در کلو بسته پیش راجه برد راجه چون جوان مردي رايِ رايان دید بر پا افتاد و کفت درین عالم زیاده از همت و جوان مردي تو کسي نیست و نخواهد بود که براي خوشي خاطر کدائي و درویشي سر خودرا بدهد پس راجه دختر خودرا طلبید و رايِ رايان را سپرد و کفت که این کنیز تست هر کرا خواهي بدهي

چون طوطي این حکایت رايِ رايان باخر رسانید خجسته را کفت که اي کدبانو اکر سر من ترا در کار شود خواهم داد هیچ دریغ و افسوس نخواهم کرد مصلحت انست که زود پیش دوست خود برو چون خجسته بر خاست و خواست که نزد معشوق خود برود خروس آواز کرد و صبح شد و رفتن او موقوف شد

" thing further, I will manage it also. The dirveish
" did so, and having tied a rope round the neck of
" the royroyan, carried him before the rajah. When
" the rajah saw the generosity of the royroyan, he
" fell at his feet, and said, No man in this world ex-
" ceeds you in greatness of mind and manliness, nor
" will there ever be one willing to devote his own
" head for the satisfaction of a beggar, a dirveish.
" The rajah sent for his own daughter, and presenting
" her to the royroyan, said, This is your handmaid,
" dispose of her to whomever you please."

When the parrot had brought to a conclusion the story of the royroyan, he said to Khojisteh, " If my
" head can be of any service to you, my mistress,
" I will give it without hesitation or regret. It is
" adviseable that you should go speedily to your
" friend." When Khojisteh stood up, and wanted to have gone to her beloved, the cock crowed, and it being morning, her departure was deferred.

حکایت هفتم صیاد و طوطي و بچکان او

چون آفتاب در مغرب رفت و ماه از مشرق
بر آمد خجسته با دل پر درد و چشم پر اشک
بر خاست و بطلب رخصت پیش طوطي رفت
طوطي را متفکر دید پرسید که چرا متفکر هستي
طوطي کفت که براي تو زیرا که نمیدانم
که معشوق تو چکونه است با تو وفا خواهد نمود
یا نه همچو طوطي کامرو شاه خواهد کرد خجسته
پرسید حکایت طوطي کامرو شاه چکونه و چه قسم
است

طوطي حکایت کفتن آغاز کرد که وقتي صیادي
بر اشیانه طوطي دامي نهاد و طوطي را معه بچکان
او از ان کرفتار کرد طوطي بچکان را کفت که حالا
مصلحت

TALE THE SEVENTH.

The Fowler, the Parrot, and her Young Ones.

WHEN the sun sunk into the west, and the moon came out of the east, Khojisteh, with a heart full of anguish, and eyes replete with tears, arose, and went to the parrot for leave. Beholding the parrot full of thought, she said, " Why are you pensive ?" The parrot replied, " On your account ; because I know " not what kind of lover yours is—whether he will " be faithful to you or not, and act like the parrot " of King Kamrew." Khojisteh asked, " What is " the nature of the story of King Kamrew's parrot ?"

The parrot began relating the story :—" Once " on a time a fowler threw a net over the nest of a " parrot, and imprisoned therein the parrot together " with her young. The parrot said to her nestlings,

" The

مصلحت آنست که شما خودهارا مانند مرده سازید
چون صیاد شمارا مرده خواهد دید از دام بیرون خواهد
انداخت اکر مرا تنها خواهد برد هیچ مضایقه نیست
زیراکه من اکر زنده خواهم ماند از کسي حکمت
خودرا پیش شما خواهم رسانید. بچکان آنچنان
کردند صیاد آنها را مرده پنداشته همرا از دام
بیرون انداخت انها در حال پریدند و بر شاخ
درخت نشستند صیاد برهم شد و طوطي را بر
زمین زدن خواست طوطي کفت که اي صیاد خاطر
جمعدار قیمت خود انقد و خواهم دهانید که باقي عمر
ترا دیکر در کار نخواهد شد زیراکه من طبیب ام و
درین کار کامل و دانا هستم صیاد چون این سخن
بشنید خوشش شد و کفت اي طوطي مدت
است که راي کامرو پادشاه ملک من است سخت
بیمار است مرض هایل میدارد میتواني که آن از
و دفع کني طوطي کفت اي صیاد این چه قدر کار
است انچنان طبیب ام که دو هزار مریض را به
کردن

" The best way will be for you to feign your-
" selves dead, when the fowler, seeing you in that
" state, will fling you out of the net; and if he car-
" ries away me only, it will be of no consequence,
" because, if I preserve my life, I can contrive some
" means to get to you. The young ones did as
" they were directed. The fowler, supposing them
" dead, flung them all out of the nest; they instantly
" took flight, and settled on the branch of a tree.
" The fowler, enraged, was going to dash the par-
" rot on the ground. The parrot said to the fowler,
" Set your mind at rest; I will obtain you such a
" price for myself, that you shall need nothing far-
" ther during the remainder of your life; for I am
" a physician, and perfectly skilled in the profession.
" The fowler was delighted at hearing these words,
" and said to the parrot, Roy Kamrew, who is
" king of my country, has long laboured under a
" grievous disease; will you be able to relieve him
" from it? The parrot said to the fowler, What
" mighty business is this? I am such a physician
" that

کردن توانم مرا پیش پادشاه ببر و هنر من ظاهر
کن پس بقیمت گران تر مرا بفروش صیاد اورا
در قفص کرد و پیش راي کامرو برد کفت که این
طوطي که آورده ام علم طبابت نیکو میداند راي
کفت مرا نیز طبیب دانا بسیار در کار است
قیمت این طوطي بکو صیاد کفت که ده هزار دینار
راي کامرو ده هزار دینار صیاد را داد و طوطي را خرید
نمود از روز دیکر طوطي علاج راي مذکور کردن
کرفت و نیم مرض او دور شد پس طوطي کفت
که اي راي کامرو از دواٸي من نیم مرض تو
دفع شده است بر من توجه و مهرباني کن و از
قفص بر آر تا تلاش دوا بکنم و از قفص ترد درهاٸي
تو بسازم راي سخن اوراست دانست و از
قفص بیرون کرد طوطي في الفور بپرید و باز نزد
شاه نیامد

طوطي چون این حکایت تمام کرد با خجسته
کفتن آغاز نمود که اي کدبانو مي ترسم که
معشوق

" that I can cure ten thousand patients; carry me
" before the king, acquaint him with my skill, and
" then sell me at a high price. The fowler put her
" in a cage, and having carried her to Roy Kamrew,
" said, I have brought this parrot, who is proficient
" in the art of physic. The king said, I am myself
" in great want of a skilful doctor; mention the price
" of this bird. The fowler replied, Ten thousand di-
" nars. Roy Kamrew instantly purchased the par-
" rot, by paying the fowler ten thousand dinars. The
" next day the parrot began administering medicine
" to the king. His disorder was half cured, when
" the parrot said to him, As my medicine has re-
" moved the moiety of your complaint, shew me
" attention and kindness, by taking me out of the
" cage, in order that I may explore a medicine which
" will liberate you from all care. The king, be-
" lieving these words to be true, took her out of the
" cage. The parrot immediately flew away, and
" never returned to the king."

When the parrot had finished this tale, he addressed himself to Khojisteh, saying, " I am afraid,

معشوق تو همچو طوطي راي كامرو با تو دغا نكند فكر من ازين سبب است حالا زود جانب معشوق خود برو و تا كه اورا نا آزمائي بر او اعتماد مكن پس از ان خجسته خواست كه پيش حريف خود برود خروس صبح آواز كرد و صبح ظاهر شد رفتن خجسته موقوف گرديد

" my lady, lest your lover should act treacherously
" by you, like the parrot of Roy Kamrew; and this
" is the cause of my pensiveness. Hasten now to
" your sweet-heart, but place no reliance on him till
" you have tried him." After that, Khojisteh wanted to have gone to her gallant; the morning cock crowed, and the dawn appearing, her departure was deferred.

حکایت هشتم تاجر و زن او که با او چالاکي کرده بود

چون افتاب در مغرب رفت و شب رسید
و ماه از مشرق طلوع کرد خجسته با دل دردناک و
پرسوز بر خاست و بطلب رخصت بر طوطي آمد
چون طوطي خجسته را متفکر دید پرسید چرا متفکر
هستي خجسته کفت که هر شب پیش تو مي ایم
وغم خود با تو میکویم پس کدام وقت خواهد
بود که بایار ملاقات خواهم کرد و اکر امشب رخصت
بدهي بروم و کرنه صبر کنم و بخانه خود نشینم
طوطي کفت تو هر شب حکایت من مي شنوي
و شب همین جا آخر میکني میخواهم که امشب
زود تر بروي اتفاقا اکر شوهر تو بیاید و ترا کسي
جا بیند

TALE THE EIGHTH.

The Merchant, and his Wife, who out-witted him.

WHEN the sun sunk into the west, and, it being night, the moon ascended from the east, Khojisteh, with a sad and aching heart, got up and went to the parrot, in quest of leave. The parrot, observing Khojisteh pensive, asked why she was thoughtful? Khojisteh answered, " Because I come to you every night " and disclose to you my sorrow; when then will " be the time that I shall meet my lover? If you give " me leave this night, I shall go; otherwise, I will " exercise patience, and sit at home." The parrot answered, " You listen to my stories every night, and " continue here till morning. I want you to go " quickly this night. If it should happen that your " husband arrives and meets you any where, follow " the

جا بیند همچو زن تاجر زبان درازي کني حجسته
پرسید که قصهٔ زن تاجر چگونه و چون است بگو

طوطي گفتن آغاز نهاد که در شهري از شهرها
تاجري بود مال‌دار زني داشت خوبصورت وقتي
تاجر براي تجارت بملک دیگر بسفر رفت زن در
غیبت او در مجلس بیگانگان میرفت و سرود و
رقص میکرد تاجر مذکور بعد از چندي چون بشهر
خود رسید وقت شب بخانه خود آمدن نتوانست در
جاي مقام کرد و دلاله را طلبید و گفت که امشب
براي من زن خوب و لطیف بیار اتفاقا دلاله نزد
زن تاجر رفت و گفت که شخصي مالدار از فلان
شهر رسیده است زني را میخواهد بر خیز و پیش او
برو زن خودرا از زیور و پارچه آراست نموده پیش
او رفت چون اورا دید بشناخت که شوهر من است
در حال شور کردن گرفت که اي همسایگان بفریاد
من رسید شش سال گذشت که این شوهر من
به تجارت رفته بود هر روز و شب راه او میدیدم

روزها

" the example of the merchant's wife, and scold him."
Khojisteh asked, " What, and how is the story of the
" merchant's wife? tell me."

The parrot began, saying, " In a certain city was
" a rich merchant, who had a handsome wife. Once
" on a time this merchant travelled to another coun-
" try, in order to trade. During his absence the
" wife frequented strange companies, and sang and
" danced. After *having been absent* some time, the
" merchant arrived in his own city, when, being night,
" he could not enter his own house; he took up his
" lodging in some other place, and, having sent for a
" procuress, desired her to bring a fine elegant wo-
" man to pass the night with him. It chanced that
" the procuress went to the merchant's wife, and said,
" A rich man, who is arrived from such a city, wants
" a woman; arise, and go to him. The woman
" adorned herself with jewels and fine clothes, went
" to him, and, as soon as she saw him, knew it was
" her husband: immediately she began crying out,
" O neighbours, listen to my complaint! six years hav-
" ing elapsed since this husband of mine went *abroad*
" to trade: I have looked for his return every day

" and

روز ها است که از سفر باز آمده و در اینجا مقام کرده
مرا فراموش نموده است امشب خبراین شنیده
خود آمده ام اکر شما ها انصاف این معني نمائید بهتر
و کرنه پیش قاضي خواهم رفت و اورا خواهم کذاشت
مردمان همسایه جمع شدند و در میان او و تاجر
صلح کردند القصه زن از قوت زبان درازي با
شوي خود بخانه آمد و هیچ رسوا نشد
طوطي چون این حکایت تاجر تمام کرد خجسته را
کفت حالا بر خیز و راه جانب معشوق خود پیش
کیر هیچ توقوف روا مدار خجسته بر خاست که
همچنان کند خروس آواز کرد و صبح پدیدار شد
رفتن خجسته موقوف کردید

" and night : he has been returned from his journey
" some days, and taken up his lodging in this place,
" without thinking of me. Having been informed
" of this to-night, I am come myself: if you will
" do justice in this business, it is well ; otherwise I
" will go to the Cazy and separate myself from my
" husband.—The neighbours flocked together, and
" made peace between her and the merchant. In
" short, the woman, by the force of scolding, came
" to her own terms with her husband, without suffer-
" ing any disgrace."

The parrot, having finished this tale of the merchant, said to Khojisteh, " Now arise, and go your " way to your lover, and make no delay." Khojisteh stood up to have done so ; the cock crowed, morning appeared, her visit was deferred.

قصه نهم زن دهقان که بر شخصی عاشق شده خسر خود را شرمنده کرد

چون افتاب غروب شد و ماه و ستارها و سیارها بر آمدند خجسته عریان و کریان پیش طوطي آمد و کفت که اي محرم راز من و اي غمخوار من امروز براي ملاقات و دیدن مشتاق خود بسیار شوق و کمال آرزو دارم و بسا بي تاب و رنجورام اکر مصلحت بیني مرا جلد رخصت ده تا پیش دلبر خود بروم و کرنه صبر کنم اکر چه میدانم که هرکه عاشق است اورا صبر نمي باشد طوطي کفت که کد بانو توکه هرشب پیش من براي رخصت خواستن و مشورت کردن مي آئي از مشورت ترا هیچ زیان نخواهد رسید چنانچه زن

TALE THE NINTH.

The Shop-keeper's Wife, who, having an Amour with a Person, confounded her Father-in-law.

WHEN the sun was gone down, and the moon, the fixed stars, and the planets appeared, Khojisteh, undressed, came weeping to the parrot, and said, "Alas
"my confidential friend, who sympathise in my dis-
"tress! I have the most anxious desire to see my
"lover, being extremely afflicted and depressed. If
"it seems adviseable to you, quickly give me leave to
"visit the possessor of my heart, or else I will bear
"with it, although I know that whoever is in love
"has not patience." The parrot answered, "To you,
"my mistress, who come to me every night for leave
"and advice, thus acting with deliberation, no harm
"can

زن دهقان بسبب مشورت و مصلحت هيچ زيان
نديد خجسته پرسيد که حکايت زن دهقان چگونه و
چون است

طوطي گفتن اغاز کرد که روزي زن دهقاني بر بام
نشسته بود جواني اورا ديد و عاشق شد زن در
يافت که اين جوان بر من عاشق شده است
اورا طلبيد و گفت که بعد نيم شب پيش من
بيا و در زير درختي که در حويلي من است
بنشين جوان بعد دو پاس شب در خانه او رفت
زن نيز از بستر بر خاست و نزد او رفت و
بزير درخت با او همبستر شد اتفاقا پدر دهقان
در آن وقت براي کاري بر خاسته خواست که از
خانه بيرون رود ناگاه زن پسر خودرا با مرد بيگانه
يکجا خفته ديد و خلخال از پاي زن بر کشيد و نزد
خود داشت و با خود گفت که وقت صبح زن را
سياست خواهم نمود زن جوان را رخصت نمود
و نزد شوهر خود رفت و اورا بيدار کرد و گفت که
خانه

" can happen. Like the shop-keeper's wife, who,
" having acted considerately, did not suffer any in-
" jury." Khojisteh asked, How and what is the
" story of the shop-keeper's wife?"

The parrot began, saying, " One day, as a shop-
" keeper's wife was sitting on the terrace of the house,
" a young man saw her, and was enamoured. The
" woman perceived that the youth had fallen in love
" with her; she called him, and said, ' Come to
" ' me after midnight, and seat yourself under a tree
" ' that is in my court-yard.' After midnight the
" youth repaired to her house; the woman also got
" out of bed and went to him, and slept with him
" under the tree. It happened that the shop-keeper's
" father, at the very time having risen on account
" of some business, wanted to go out of the house:
" unexpectedly he saw his son's wife sleeping along
" with a strange man; he took the rings from off
" the woman's legs, saying to himself, In the morn-
" ing I will punish her. The woman sent away the
" youth, and going to her own husband, waked him,
" and said, The house is very hot; come, let us sleep
" under the tree. In short, the woman slept with

" her

خانه بسیار گرم است بیا بزیر درخت بخسپیم
القصه زن در همانجا که با جوان خسپیده بود
با شوهر خفت چون شوهر در خواب رفت باز
اورا بیدار کرد و گفت پدر تو اینوقت در
اینجا آمده خلخال از پاي من کشیده برد آن
مرد پیر مرا همچو پدر است در چنین وقت که
با شوي خود خسپیده ام چرا نزد من آمد و
خلخال از پاي من بر کشید و برد چون صبح ظاهر
شد شوهر او از پدر غصه شد پدرش احوال
شب که با مرد بیگانه دیده بود ظاهر نمود پسرش
سخنان سخت با پدر گفتن گرفت که بوقت نیم
شب بسبب گرما من با زن خود بزیر درخت
خفته بودم تو آمدي و خلخال زن من از پا کشیده
بردي زن مرا همانوقت بیدار کرد و خبر داد بنابر
این پدر او نهایت شرمنده شد زن که بموجب
مشورت چنین حیله کرد اورا هیچ زیان
نرسید

" her husband, on that very spot where she and the
" young man had slept together. When the hus-
" band was fast asleep, she waked him again, and
" said, Your father came here just now, took the
" rings from my ancles, and carried them away. That
" old man, whom I consider as my father, how could
" he approach me at the time I was sleeping with
" my husband, and, taking the rings from my ancles,
" carry them away! In the morning the husband
" was angry with his father, who disclosed the cir-
" cumstance, how in the night he had seen her with
" a strange man. The son spoke harshly to the
" father, saying, In the night, when, on account of
" the heat, my wife and I were sleeping under the
" tree, you came, and taking the rings from my wife's
" legs, carried them away: at the very time my wife
" waked me, and informed me of the circumstance.
" Accordingly the father was greatly ashamed, and
" the wife, by contriving such a trick, escaped un-
" punished."

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طوطي چواين حكايت زن دهقان تمام كرد
خجسته را كفت كه حالا بر خيز نزد دلرباى خود برو
خجسته هانوقت خواست كه برود خروس آواز داد
رفتن او موقوف كشت

The parrot having finished this story of the shop-keeper's wife, said to Khojisteh, " Now arise, and go " to him who has robbed you of your heart." She then wanted to have gone, when the cock crowing, her departure was put off.

حکایت دهم دختر تاجر و شغال

چون افتاب غروب شد و شب در آمد خجسته
با سینه پر سوز بطلب رخصت نزد طوطي رفت و
کفت بر عقل تو بسیار اعتماد دارم ازین
سبب هر شب پیش تو مي آیم اکر در ینوقت مرا
مصلحت نخواهي داد پس کي خواهي داد و اکر
الحال مرا مدد نخواهي کرد پس کي خواهي کرد
طوطي کفت اي خجسته براي تو این غم در دل
است و من تا جان دارم هرکز ازین بیغم نخواهم
شد ترا هر شب میکویم که پیش محبوب خود برو
لیکن توقف میکني و حکایات من مي شنوي
مبادا راز تو در میان فاش شود ترا حکمتي خواهم
اموخت

TALE THE TENTH.

The Merchant's Daughter and the Jackal.

WHEN the sun was set, and night arrived, Khojisteh, whose heart was inflamed *with love,* went to the parrot to ask leave, saying, "I have great confidence in "your wisdom, and therefore I wait on you every "night; if you will not now give me good counsel, "and grant me assistance, when will you?" The parrot said, "It is on your account, Khojisteh, that "my heart is thus afflicted, and for this reason I "shall be unhappy as long as I live. Every night "I tell you to go to your lover; but you delay, and "listen to my tales. If perchance your secret should "be divulged, I will teach you a trick whereby you "will avoid all trouble and disgrace; just as the "jackal taught the merchant's daughter a trick, and

"gave

اموخت که از همه بلا و رسوائي دور خواهي ماند
چنانکه دختر تاجررا یک شغال حکمت اموزانیده
بود و مصلحت داده خجسته پرسید که آن حکایت
دختر تاجر و شغال چون است مفصل بگو

طوطي آغاز کرد که در شهري از شهرها امیري
بود پسري داشت کریه صورت و بد سیرت و
بس احمق چون پسر بالغ گردید با دختر تاجري
شادي کرده داد زن بسیار خوبصورت بود و علم
موسقي خوب میدانست شبي زنش بر بام
حویلي خود نشسته بود جواني زیر دیوار سرود
مي سرائید زن آواز او شنیده بر او عاشق
شد و از بالاخانه فرود آمد و نزد آن جوان رفت
و گفت که اي جوان شوهري دارم احمق و بد
صورت مي تواني که مرا با خود بري جوان قبول
کرد هردو في الفور باهم روانه شدند و بر کناره تالاب
بزیر درختي خفتند زن چون بخواب رفت مرد زیور
او دزدیده از انجا گریخت چون زن بیدار شد
زیوررا

" gave her good advice." Khojisteh asked, " What
" is the story of the merchant's daughter and the
" jackal? tell it at full length."

The parrot began, " In a city was an ameer, who
" had a son, an ugly person, and of a bad disposi-
" tion, and sufficiently stupid. When the son ar-
" rived at manhood his father married him to a mer-
" chant's daughter, a handsome woman, and who was
" a proficient in the art of music. One night, whilst
" she was sitting on the roof of her house, a young
" man was singing a song by the side of the wall:
" the woman hearing his voice, fell in love with him;
" she descended from the balcony, and approaching
" the young man, said, I have a stupid ugly husband,
" can you take me away with you? The youth con-
" sented, and immediately they set off together, and
" slept under a tree, by the side of a pond. When
" the woman fell asleep, the man stole her jewels
" and ran away. When the woman awoke, she
" neither saw the jewels on her person, nor the youth
" beside her; she had no doubt but he had played

زیور را بر تن و مرد را در بستر ندید بیقین
پنداشت که مرد با ما دغا کرد و گریخت چون
آفتاب از مشرق بر آمد زن بر کنار تالاب متفکر
ایستاده شد دران اثنا شغالي استخوان در دهان
گرفته انجا رسید و بر کنارهٔ تالاب ماهي دید
واستخوان را از دهن انداخت و طرف ماهي
دوید ماهي در آب رفت شغال باز استخوان را
جست بکیرد نیافت آنرا سکي برده بود زن
چون این تماشاه دید خندید شغال پرسید که اي
زن تو کیستي و در اینجا تنها چرا ایستادهٔ
زن همه احوال خود با شغال تقریر نمود شغال
گفت مصلحت آنست که الحال تو خودرا دیوانه
سازي و همچون دیوانگان خندان و گریان بخانه
برو هرکس که ترا خواهد دید معذور خواهد داشت
زن همچنان کرد و از سبب این حیله کسي اورا
بر گفتن نتوانست

طوطي چون اینحکایت تمام کرد خجسته را گفت
که

" her a trick, and was gone. When the sun came out
" of the east, she was standing pensive by the side of
" the pond. At this juncture arrived a jackal with a
" bone in his mouth; when, seeing a fish on the
" banks of the pond, he let the bone fall from his
" mouth, and ran after the fish: the fish got into
" the water, when the jackal looked again for his
" bone, in order to have resumed it, but could not
" find it, a dog having carried it away. When the
" woman beheld this sight, she laughed. The jackal
" said, What woman art thou, and why art thou stand-
" ing here alone? She told the jackal the whole of
" her case. The jackal said, You had better do this:
" Feign yourself distracted, and go home, acting the
" the part of a mad-woman, laughing and singing,
" when whoever sees you will forgive you. The
" woman acted accordingly, and by means of this
" artifice nobody could find fault with her."

When the parrot had finished this tale, he said to

Khojisteh

که حالا وقت خوب است بر خیز و پیش دلدار خود برو هیچ اندیشه مکن اکر ترا مشکلی پیش خواهد آمد حیله خواهم اموخت خجسته خواست که برود در حال خروس آواز کرد و صبح ظاهر شد رفتن خجسته موقوف کردید

Khojisteh, "Now is a good time: arise, and go to
"your sweet-heart: don't be in the least anxious; for
"if any difficulty should present itself to you, I will
"teach you a stratagem." Khojisteh wished to have
gone; at which time the cock crowed, and morning
appearing, her departure was deferred.

حکایت یازدهم شیر و برهمن که طمع کرده جان خود داد

چون افتاب غروب شد و ماه آمد خجسته بطلب رخصت بر طوطي رفت و گفت که میدانم که ترا از درد من خبر نیست ازین سبب مرا رخصت نمیکني و حکایات در میان مي اري طوطي گفت اي خجسته از خدا میخواهم که تو جلد تر بمعشوق خود برسي تو خود توقف میکني تقصیر من هیچ نیست امشب جلد برو لیکن باید که جلد مراجعت کني و در انجا هیچ طمع نه نمائي زیرا که طمع نمودن بسیار بداست و هر که طمع نمود همان دید که برهمن دید خجسته پرسید که حکایت آن چگونه است بگو

طوطي

TALE THE ELEVENTH.

The Lion and the Brahmin, who, on account of his Avarice, lost his Life.

WHEN the sun was set, and the moon risen, Khojisteh went to the parrot for leave, and said, " I am " sensible you do not trouble yourself about my un- " easiness, and on that account do not dispatch me, " but introduce tales." The parrot said, " I wish " to God, Khojisteh, that you would go speedily to " your lover! You yourself make the delay; it is " no fault of mine. Go quickly, to-night; but you " must return soon, and do not covet any thing that " is there; for inordinate desire is sinful, and who- " soever is avaricious, will meet with the same fate " as the brahmin." Khojisteh said, " Tell me what " is that story?"

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طوطي اغاز کرد که در شهري برهمني بود مالدار اتفاقاً مفلس کرديد لاچار بسفر رفت روزي در بياباني رسيد و ديد که شيري بر کناره تالاب غلطيده است و روباه و آهو پيش او ايستاده برهمن متفکر کرديد و ترسان ايستاده شد ناکاه نظر آهو و روباه بر برهمن افتاده انها بايکديکر کفتند که اکر شير خواهد ديد اين بيچاره مسکين را خواهد کشت مصلحت انست که حکمتي سازيم تا شير اورا نکشد و هيچ چيز انعام دهد آهو و روباه شيررا دعا کردن کرفتند که سخاوت تو چنان مشهور شده است که امروز برهمني آمده است و اميدوار انعام ايستاده شير بر برهمن نظر کرد و اورا نزد خود طلبيد و بسيار مهرباني نمود آن مردمان را که پيشتر کشته بود زر و زيورات انها افتاده بود به برهمن بخشيد و رخصت نمود بخانهٔ خود آمد بعد چند روز برهمن بطمع زر باز پيش شير مذکور رفت ان روز کرک و سکان پيش شير حاضر

The parrot began, " In a certain city was a rich
" brahmin, who, happening to become poor and des-
" titute, went a journey. One day he arrived in a
" desert, and saw a lion wallowing by the side of a
" pond, with a fox and a deer standing before him.
" The brahmin was confounded, and stood dreading
" *the consequence*. Suddenly the fox and deer espied
" the brahmin : they said to one another, If the lion
" sees, he will kill this poor helpless fellow ; it is ad-
" viseable that we fall on some contrivance that the
" lion may not only spare his life, but grant him
" some donation. The deer and fox began blessing
" the lion, Your munificence is so renowned that a
" brahmin is come to-day, and is in hopes of a gift.
" The lion looked at the brahmin, told him to ap-
" proach, and shewed him great kindness. He saw,
" lying about, the gold and jewels of men who had
" been slain some time before ; these he bestowed
" on the brahmin, and then gave him leave to depart.
" The brahmin arrived at his own house. Some
" days afterwards, the brahmin, thirsting for gold, went
" again to this lion. That day a wolf and some dogs
" were attending on the lion ; when these saw the

" brahmin

حاضر بودند چون برهمن را دیدند عرض کردند که
این آدم نهایت کستاخ است که بي طلب نزد
شما آمده است شیر غصه شد و بر جست و
برهمن را پاره پاره کرد

طوطي چون این حکایت تمام کرد خجسته را
کفت که برهمن اکر طمع نکردي کشته نشدي و
هر که طمع میکند در بلايها مي افتد حالا یکپاس
شب باقي است اي خجسته جلد برو و با معشوق
ملاقات کرده بیا خجسته برخاست و عزم رفتن کرد
همان دم خروس آواز کرد و صبح ظاهر شد رفتن او
موقوف کشت

" brahmin, they said, This man is exceedingly pre-
" sumptuous to appear before you uninvited. The
" lion was enraged, sprung up, and tore the brahmin
" in pieces."

The parrot having concluded the story, said to Khojisteh, " If the brahmin had not been avaricious,
" he would not have lost his life; whosoever is covet-
" ous, falls into calamities. One watch of the night
" is still remaining, go quickly, meet your lover, and
" return." Khojisteh stood up with intention to go; at that instant the cock crowed, and the dawn appearing, her departure was delayed.

قصه دوازدهم شیر کهنه و گربه که موشان را کشته خفت یافت

چون افتاب غروب شد و ماه طلوع نمود خجسته
بطلب رخصت بر طوطي رفت اورا متفکر دید و
پرسید که چرا متفکر کشتهٔ جواب داد که هیچ
فکري ندارم لیکن غم تو مرادر غم انداخته است
تو تمام شب حکایت من مي شنوي میترسم که
شاید شوهر تو ناکاه برسد و از سبب نرفتن پشیمان
شوي چنانکه کربه از کشتن موشان پشیمان شده
بود خجسته پرسید که چرا انچنان شد بس تعجب
است زیرا که موش لقمهٔ کربه است از کشتن
موشان چکونه پشیمان کردید

طوطي کفتن اغاز کرد که در بیاباني شیري میماند

TALE THE TWELFTH.

The old Lion and the Cat, who having killed the Mice, was turned out of office.

WHEN the sun was set, and the moon arose, Khojisteh went to the parrot for leave; and seeing him thoughtful, asked, " Why art thou pensive ?" He answered, " I have no care of my own, but your sad-
" ness has thrown me into sorrow. The whole night
" you listen to my tales : I am afraid lest your hus-
" band should arrive unexpectedly, and that you
" should repent of not going; like the cat, who,
" after the death of the mice, repented." Khojisteh asked, " Why was it so ? It is very wonder-
" ful how the cat should have cause to repent of
" killing mice, seeing that a mouse is a cat's morsel."

The parrot began, saying, " In a desert dwelt a

بسيار پير و کهنه از سبب پيري رخنها در دندان
شير ظاهر شده بود شير هرگاه که گوشت مي
خورد ريشه گوشت در ميان دندان او ميماند و
دران بيابان موشان بسيار بودند چون شير
بخواب ميرفت موشان گوشت از دندان او
ميکشيدند ازين سبب خواب شيرين بر شير
تلخ مي شد شير براي دفع کردن موشان با ديگر
جانوران که مصاحب او بودند مشورت کرد روباه
عرض نمود که گربه رعيت شما است اورا بفرمائيد
که تمام شب اينجا پاسباني کند شير مصلحت
روباه را پسنديد و گربه را طلب نمود چون گربه حاضر
شد شير خدمت کوتوالي اورا فرمود گربه بکار
پاسباني مشغول شد موشان چون گربه را ديدند
گريختند شير بخاطر جمعي خواب ميکرد و در
وقت خواب اورا هيچ تصديعه نميرسيد شير
بر گربه بسيار مهرباني نمود و مرتبه اورا زياده
نمود گربه موشان را ميترسانيد ليکن گاهي گربه
موشي

" lion, who was very old and decrepit, so that from
" his age his teeth were decayed; whenever he ate,
" shreds of meat stuck in them: and there being
" many mice in that desert, when the lion went to
" sleep, the mice picked the shreds of meat out of
" his teeth, whereby his rest was disturbed. The
" lion consulted other animals, who were his cour-
" tiers, in what manner to drive away the mice. A
" fox said, There is a cat, who is your subject; order
" her to keep watch here all night. The lion ap-
" proved of the fox's advice, and sent for the cat;
" and when she came, he appointed her to the of-
" fice of cutwal. The cat performed the duty of cen-
" tinel. When the mice saw the cat, they decamped.
" The lion slept at his ease, nothing happening to
" disturb his repose. The lion shewed great kind-
" ness to the cat, and increased her rank. The cat
" frightened the mice, but never killed any of them,
" thinking

موشي را نميکشت دانست که اکر موش
را خواهم کشت شيررا با من هيچ کار نخواهد ماند
خدمت از من خواهد کرفت روزي کربه بچۀ خودرا
پيش شير آورد و کفت که امروز براي کار
جاي رفتن ميخواهم اکر حکم شود بچۀ خودرا در
جاي خود بکذارم و من بروم فردا باز بخدمت
خواهم رسيد شير رخصت فرمود کربه بچۀ خودرا
انجا کذاشته خود جاي ديکر رفت بچه کربه هر موش
که ديد آنرا کشت و در يک روز و شب همه
موشان کشته شدند روز ديکر کربه رسد و موشانرا
کشته ديد بچه خودرا ملامت کردن کرفت که چه
کردي موشانرا چرا کشتي بچه اش کفت که تو
وقت رفتن خود چرا بمن نکفتي و امتناع بکشتن
موشان نکردي القصه هردو پشيمان شدند بعد چند روز
شير کربه‌را جواب داد و از خدمت کوتوالي اورا
معزول نمود

طوطي چون اين حکايت موش و کربه و شير
تمام

" thinking to herself, If I should destroy the mice,
" the lion, having no further occasion for me, will
" deprive me of my office. One day she brought
" her kitten to the lion, and said, I want to go to-
" day to a place on business; if you will permit it,
" I will go and bring my kitten in my stead, and re-
" turn to-morrow to wait on you. The lion granted
" his assent. The cat, having left the kitten there,
" went herself to another place.—The kitten killed
" all the mice she saw, and in one day and night they
" were all destroyed. The next day the cat arrived
" and saw the mice lying dead. She reprimanded
" her kitten, What have you done? why have you
" killed the mice? The kitten said, Why did not
" you speak to me at the time of your departure, and
" forbid me to kill the mice? In short they both
" repented. After some days the lion dismissed the
" cat, and deprived her of the office of cutwal."

The parrot, having concluded the story of the
mice,

تمام کرد خجسته را گفت که ترا بسیار کاهل مي بینم
زیرا که هر شب توقف ميکني میترسم که
مبادا شوهر تو برسد و تو چون گربه پشیمان شوي
خجسته برخاست و نزد یار خود رفتن خواست همان
دم خروش خروس صبح بگوش خورد و صبح ظاهر
شد رفتن او موقوف گردید

mice, the cat, and the lion, said to Khojisteh, "You "appear to me very backward, for every night you "delay; wherefore I am afraid lest your husband "may arrive, and you repent, like the cat." Khojisteh arose, and wanted to go to her lover; at that instant the sound of the morning cock reached her ears, and morning appearing, her departure was deferred.

حکایت سیزدهم شاپور سردار غوک و مار

چون افتاب غروب شد و ماه برآمد خجسته
آنواع زیورات پوشید و بطلب اجازت پیش
طوطي رفت و کفت ترا بس عاقل مي پندارم
و نصیحت تو هر شب مي شنوم لیکن مرا از
نصیحت تو هیچ فایده نمیرسد و بمقصود خود نمیرسم
طوطي کفت اکرچه درین کار بسیار درنک
شده لیکن خاطر جمعدار ترا بمعشوق تو خواهم
رسائید اي خجسته عاقل آنرا کویند که در هرکار
نظر میکند و هرکه انجام کار نمي بیند پشیمان میشود
چنانکه شاپور پشیمان کردید خجسته پرسید که
شاپور کدام است و داستان او چه قسم بود

طوطي

TALE THE THIRTEENTH.

Of Shapoor, Commander of the Frogs, and the Snake.

WHEN the sun was set, and the moon had got up, Khojisteh put on different kinds of jewels; and, coming to the parrot to ask leave, said, " I conceive you " are very negligent, for every night I am hearing " your advice, but no advantage accrues to me from " your counsel, and I cannot accomplish my desire." The parrot answered, " Although there has been " great delay in this affair, nevertheless be assured " I will be the means of bringing you to your lover. " O Khojisteh ! they are called wise who attend to " every business; and whosoever doth not reflect on " the event, will repent of it, as Shapoor was sorry " *for his folly.*"—Khojisteh asked, " Who is Shapoor, and what is the nature of his story ?"

طوطي گفت که در ملک عرب چاهي عميق بود
دران چاه غوکان بسيار بودند غوکي بود شاپور
نام داشت او سردار غوکان بود شاپور بر همه غوکان
بسيار ظلم و ستم کردن گرفت چون غوکان
از دست او عاجز شدند با يکديگر مشورت کردند
که مايان از دست شاپور بجان آمده‌ايم ديگر يکي را
از مايان سردار مقرر بايد کرد پس غوکان ديگر يک
غوک را سردار نمودند و شاپور را از انجا خارج
کردند شاپور لاچار شده نزديک سوراخ مار رفت
و اهسته اهسته اواز کرد مار از سوراخ خود سر بر آورد و
چون غوک را ديد بسيار خنديد و گفت تو که
لقمهٔ ماهستي چرا براي دادن جان خود پيش ما آمده
گفت براي صلاح و بهبود نزديک تو آمده‌ام مار
گفت بگو تا چه عرض ميداري غوک همه احوال
خود پيش مار باز نمود و تقرير کرد که از تو مدد
ميخواهم مار بسيار خوشوقت شده بر غوک
مهرباني نمود و گفت که آن چاه بمن نما که انتقام

توااز

The parrot said, " In the land of Arabia was a
" deep well, in which were a great number of frogs,
" one of whom, named Shapoor, was their chief.
" Shapoor exercised great tyranny and oppression,
" whereby the frogs being reduced to the utmost
" distress, consulted together, *saying*, We have barely
" escaped with life under the government of Sha-
" poor ; we ought to elect som other from amongst
" ourselves to rule over us. Then they appointed
" another frog chief, and banished Shapoor from that
" place. Shapoor being without resource, went to
" the hole of a snake, and spoke in a low tone. The
" snake put his head out of the hole, and on seeing
" the frog, laughed heartily, and said, You, who are
" a morsel for me, why come you here to throw
" away your life ? He answered, I am come to you
" for advice, and for my own good. Says the snake,
" Speak what you have to say. The frog repre-
" sented to the snake the circumstances of his case,
" and said, I want your assistance. The snake was
" much pleased ; and shewing great civility to the
" frog, said, Shew me the well, that I may avenge

" you

توازغوکان بکیرم القصه مار و غوک باهم روانه
شدند و بران چاه که غوکان بودند رسیدند و
اندرون آن چاه رفتند مار بعرصهٔ چند روز همه غوکان را
خورد و تمام کرد روزي شاپور را کفت که در چاه
یک غوک باقي نماند حالا بسیار کرسنه ام جلد
تدبیر خوراک من کن و مرا کرسنه مکذار شاپور
بمار کفت بر من مهرباني کرده انتقام من از
غوکان کرفتي اکنو بخانه خود برو مار کفت ترا
تنها نخواهم کذاشت شاپور بسیار ترسید و
پشیمان کردید که چرا از مار مدد خواستم
القصه مار را کفت چاهي دیکر از اینجا بسیار
نزدیک است در انجا غوکان بسیار اند اکر
فرمائي انهارا از حیله و فریب در اینجا بیارم مار
اورا رخصت داد شاپور ازین فریب از چاه بر
آمد و کریخت د در تالاهي بزرک خودرا پنهان
کرد مار چند روز انتظار کرد پس از چاه بر آمد و راه
خود پیش کرفت

طوطي

" you of those frogs. In short, the snake and the
" frog set out together, and arrived at the well in
" which were the frogs, and got into the well. In
" the course of a few days the snake devoured all
" the frogs, and made an end of them. One day
" he said to Shapoor, Is there not one frog more re-
" maining in the well? I am at present very hungry;
" speedily contrive some means for my subsistence,
" and keep me from starving. Shapoor replied to
" the snake, Having shewn your kindness for me, by
" revenging me on the frogs, return now to your
" own habitation. The snake said, I will not leave
" you in solitude. Shapoor was sadly alarmed, and
" repented of having asked assistance from the snake.
" In short, he said to the snake, Very near this place
" is another well, where there are plenty of frogs;
" if you command it, I will bring them here by ar-
" tifice and stratagem. The snake gave him leave
" to go. By this device, Shapoor, having escaped
" out of the well, ran and concealed himself in a
" large pond. The snake remained some days in
" expectation, after which he left the well, and pur-
" sued his own way."

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طوطي چون اين حکايت تمام کرد با خجسته
گفت حالا برو و دير مکن خجسته خواست که برود
دران اثنا جانوران صبح آواز نمودند و صبح ظاهر
شد رفتن خجسته موقوف گرديد

The parrot having finished this tale, said to Khojisteh, " Go now, tarry not." Khojisteh wanted to have gone; at that moment the animals of morning made a noise, and day beginning to break, her departure was deferred.

حکایت چهاردهم شیر که یک سیاه‌گوش جاي او گرفته

چون آفتاب بمغرب رفت و ماه تابان گردید خجسته گریان پیش طوطي رفت و گفت که هر شب پیش تومي آیم براي رخصت نه جهة شنیدن حکایات که تو قصه میگوئي طوطي گفت که ترا از نصیحت من هیچ ضرر نخواهد شد بلکه فایده خواهي یافت امشب زود برو و با معشوق خود ملاقات کن و اگر کسي دشمن تو آنجا برسد همچو سیاه‌گوش حیله آغاز کني خجسته پرسید که حکایت سیاه‌گوش چگونه است

طوطي گفت که در بیاباني شیري مي ماند بوزنه مصاحب او بود اتفاقا شیر جاي براي سیر رفت

TALE THE FOURTEENTH.

A Lion whom a Syagoash dispossessed of his Dwelling.

WHEN the sun was sunk into the west, and the moon shone bright, Khojisteh went weeping to the parrot, and said, "I come to you every night for "leave, and not for the purpose of hearing you "relate tales." The parrot answered, "No injury "can happen to you from my admonition, but you "will speedily derive advantage:—Go to-night to "meet your lover; and if any enemy of yours should "come there, I will set on foot a stratagem, as did "the syagoash." Khojisteh asked, "What is the "story of the syagoash?"

The parrot said, "In a desert dwelt a lion, who "had a monkey for his favourite. It happened that

رفت و بوزنه را جاي خود سپرد و روانه شد در
غيبت شير سياه كوش مكان شير بكرفت
بنابر اينكه جاي خوب بود بسيار پسند ديد و
انجا مسكن كزيد بوزنه كفت اي سياه كوش
اين جاي شير است ترا چه قدرت كه بي حكم
او در اينجا مقام كردي سياه كوش جواب داد
كه اين جاي از ميراث پدر يافتهام ترا چه خبر
است بوزنه خاموش ماند و مادهٔ سيا كوش با
سياه كوش كفت كه اينجا ماندن مصلحت
نيست زيرا كه با شير برابري كردن بنحون خود
كوشيدن است نر كفت اي ماده هركاه شير
خواهد آمد از حيله اورا از اينجا دفع خواهم نمود
القصه بعد چند روز خبر آمدن شير رسيد بوزنه
استقبال كرد و احوال سياه كوش تمام با
شير اظهار كرد و كفت كه متعرض شده بودم
سياه كوش جواب داد است كه اينجا از ميراث
پدر يافته ام شير كفت اي بوزنه آن سياه كوش
نيست

" the lion went a journey to some place; previous
" to his departure, he delivered over his dwelling to
" the charge of the monkey. During the absence
" of the lion, a syagoash took possession of his dwell-
" ing-place, because it was a good spot, and chose
" it for his habitation. The monkey said to the
" syagoash, This is the lion's residence, how can you
" presume to take up your abode here without his
" permission? The syagoash replied, I have dis-
" covered that this place is my paternal inheritance:
" What news have you? The monkey was silent.
" The female syagoash said to the male, It is not ad-
" viseable to continue here; for, to oppose a lion, is to
" sport with one's own blood. The male replied,
" Aye, mistress, when the lion comes, I will drive him
" away from hence by stratagem. In short, after
" some days, intelligence arrived that the lion was
" coming. The monkey went out to meet the lion,
" and told him all the circumstances about the sya-
" goash, and said, I remonstrated, when he answered,
" I have discovered that this place is part of my pa-
" trimony. The lion said to the monkey, It cannot

" be

نیست سیاه گوش را چه قدرت که جاي من ستاند
معلوم میشود که کسي جانور از من قوي تر خواهد
بود بوزنه گفت که از تو قوي‌تر نیست شیر
گفت که این چه سخن است بسیار جانوراانند
که از ما قوي‌تراند شیر ترسان طرف جاي خود
روانه شد و متصل جاي خود رسید سیاه گوش قبل
از رسیدن با ماده خود گفت و مصلحت کرد که
چون شیر نزدیک خانه برسد تو بچکان خودرا
گریان کن و اگر من بر پرسم که بچکان چرا
میگریند بگوئي که امروز گوشت شیر تازه میخواهند
و شبینه نمیخورند القصه شیر نزدیک خانه رسید
بچکان گرستن آغاز گردند سیاه گوش پرسید
که بچکان چرا میگریند ماده جواب داد که گرسنه
هستند سیاه گوش گفت که دیروز چندین
گوشت شیر و آدم داده ازان هیچ باقي نیست
ماده گفت که گوشت شبینه نمي خورند تازه
میخواهند سیاه گوش بچکانرا گفت خاطر جمعدارید
د اندک

" be a syagoash, how could such an animal usurp
" my place? It should seem that it is some beast
" who is stronger than myself. The monkey an-
" swered, He is not stronger than you. The lion
" said, How you talk! there are many animals who
" exceed me in strength. The lion, terrified, set out
" for his own home, and arrived near the spot. Be-
" fore the lion's arrival, the syagoash thus instructed
" his female: when the lion comes near the dwell-
" ing, make your young ones cry; and if I should
" ask, Why do the cubs cry? you must say, They
" want fresh lion's flesh to-day, and will not eat that
" of last night.—In short, the lion approached the
" dwelling, and the young ones began to cry. The
" syagoash asked, Why do the cubs cry? The dam
" answered, Because they are hungry. The syagoash
" proceeded, What! is there nothing remaining of
" that quantity of lion's and human flesh which was
" given them yesterday? The female said, They will
" not eat stale meat; they want some that is fresh.
" The syagoash said to the whelps, Make your minds

easy

و اندک صبر بکنید شنیده ام که شیر اینجا
امروز در اینجا آمده است اکر این سخن راست
است انشا الله تعالی بسیار کوشت تازه خواهم
خورانید شیر چون این سخن سیاه کوش
شنید ترسید و ندانست که این سیاه کوش
است پس از انجا کریخت و بوزنه را کفت که
ترا نکفتم که در خانه من جانوري زور آوراست
بوزنه کفت که مترس که ان جانور بسیار ضعیف
و خورد است او این سخنان فریب میکوید آشیر
باز نزد خانهٔ خود رفت ماده بچکان را باز کریان
نمود سیاه کوش کفت که اي ماده بچکان را
خاموش کن امروز کوشت شیر البته خواهم
یافت زیرا که بوزنه دوست من است او با من
وعده کرده و سوکند خورده است که امروز شیررا
از حیله و فریب خواهد آورد تو چندي توقف
کن و بچکان را خاموش کردان آواز مکن
خاموش شو اکر اواز مایان خواهد شنید اینجا
نخواهد

" easy, and have a little patience, I have heard that
" our lion will be here to-day; and if this intelligence
" is true, then, please God, you shall have plenty of
" fresh meat to devour. The lion was alarmed at
" hearing those words of the syagoash, not knowing
" him to be a syagoash. He then fled from the
" spot, and asked the monkey, Did I not tell you that
" some mighty animal is in my dwelling? The
" monkey said, Be not afraid, for this animal is very
" diminutive, and he speaks those words in order to
" deceive. The lion once more approached his
" home, and the female syagoash again made her
" cubs cry. The syagoash called out to the female,
" Do you quiet the young ones; to-day I shall find
" lion's flesh, because the monkey, who is my friend,
" has bound himself by an oath to deceive the lion
" and bring him hither this day; do you wait a lit-
" tle, and silence the cubs—suffer them not to make
" a noise; if he should discover my voice, he will
" not come here. When the lion heard these words,
" he immediately seized the monkey, and having torn

" him

نخواهد آمد شیر چون این سخن بشنید در حال بوزنه را گرفت و پاره پاره کرد و گریخت و باز آنجا نامد

طوطي چون این حکایت سیاه گوش تمام کرد خجسته را گفت که بر خیز پیش معشوق خود برو خجسته خواست که برود همان وقت مرغان صبح آواز کردند و صبح پدید آمد و رفتن خجسته موقوف گشت

"him in pieces, took to flight, and never returned to
"that place again."

The parrot, having concluded the tale of the syagoash, said to Khojisteh, "Arise and go to your lover." Khojisteh wanted to have gone; at the very time the morning birds made a noise, and the day appearing, her departure was put off.

قصه پانزدهم زریر پارچه باف و نایاري کردن بخت او

چون افتاب فرو رفت و شب در آمد خجسته بعد یک پاس شب پارچه نیکو پوشید و بر طوطي رفت و گفت که اي دوست من زماني ترا آزمودم و سخنهاي بسیارت شنیدم اما از دوستي تو مرا هیچ فایده شد طوطي گفت اي کدبانو چرا بر من غصه میشوي من ترا هرشب ترغیب میدهم مرا چه گناه است بخت تو خوب نیست چنانکه بخت زریر با او موافق نکرد خجسته پرسید که حکایت زریر چگونه است

طوطي اغاز نمود که در شهري از شهرها زریر نام مردي بود همیشه پارچه ریشمي بافتي و یکدم آرام نکردي لیکن اورا هیچ فایده نشد زریر را دوستي بود پارچه کنده مي بافت روزي زریر

بخانهٔ

TALE THE FIFTEENTH.

Zereer the Weaver, whom Fortune would not befriend.

WHEN the sun was set, and night came, after the first watch, Khojisteh, having put on fine clothes, came to the parrot, and said, " Alas, my friend ! you " have been a long time giving your consent ; and I " have heard many of your speeches ; but your friend- " ship has not benefited me in any degree. The par- " rot answered, Ay, my mistress ! why art thou angry " with me ? I constantly endeavour to raise your " desires : however, your fortune is not propitious, " but like that of Zereer, which would not befriend " him." Khojisteh asked, " What is the story of " Zereer ?"

The parrot began : " In a certain city was a man " named Zereer, who was continually weaving silken " stuffs, without allowing himself a moment's re- " laxation ; nevertheless, he gained nothing. Zereer " had a friend who wove coarse cloths. One day

" he

بخانهٔ دوست رفت خانه اورا پراز زر و اسباب
همچو خانهٔ توانکران دید زریر با خود کفت که
من پارچهٔ توانکرانه و خلعت پادشاهانه مي بافم
چرا نیک بانان من نیست این کنده باف
چندین مال از کجا یافت زریر چون در خانهٔ خود
رفت بازن خود کفت که درین شهر قدر من کسي
نميداند و کسب مرا هیچ نمي شمارند مرا بشهر
دیکر باید رفت زیرا که بجاي دیکر حرمت من
بسیار خواهد شد و عزت من افزود خواهد کردید
زنش کفت که هرچه در نصیب تست همین
جا خواهد شد روزي زیاده از نصیب چیزي در دست
تو نخواهد امد القصه زریر نشنید و بسفر رفت
و در شهري رسیده مدتي در انجا بماند و کسب
نمود چون مبلغ بسیار در کیسهٔ او جمع شد
بخانه خود روانه کشت و بوقت شب در جاي
مقام کرد و تا نیم شب بیدار ماند چون بخواب
رفت دزدي کیسه زر اورا بر کشید و برد و از
انجا

" he went to his friend, whose house he saw full
" of gold and effects, such as are in the dwellings
" of the rich. Zereer said to himself, How comes
" it that I, who weave stuffs for the rich, and dresses
" for princes, have not salt to my bread? and from
" whence has this inferior workman acquired so much
" wealth? When Zereer returned home, he said to
" his wife, In this city, nobody knows the value of
" my abilities, nor makes any account of my profes-
" sion. I must go to some other city, where my
" skill will be valued, and myself more regarded.
" His wife said, Whatever is your destiny will hap-
" pen to you in this place: you will never acquire
" a livelihood beyond what fate has allotted you. In
" short, Zereer did not listen; but went a journey,
" and having arrived at another city, dwelt there some
" time, and followed his occupation. When he had
" hoarded a large sum of money in his purse, he set
" out for his own house; and, alighting at a place,
" kept awake till midnight, when, falling asleep, a
" thief pulled out his purse of gold, and ran away
" with it. Zereer awoke, ran after the thief, but could

" not

انجا کریخته رفت زریر بیدار شده دنبال دزد دوید و اورا کرفتن نتوانست لاچار باز دران شهر رفت و باز چند سال در انجا کسب کرد چون نقد بسیار جمع شد باز راه خانه خود پیش کرفت و بشب جاي نزول کرد هرچند احتیاط نمود لیکن نقد اورا دزد برد مسکین با خود کفت که در نصیب من دولت نیست ازین سبب دزد مي برد پس تهیدست بخانه رسید و احوال خود بازن کفت زن جواب داد که اول ترا من نکفته بودم که زیاده از نصیب کسي جا نخواهي یافت سخن من نشنیدي و بسفر رفتي بکو که الحال چه فایده یافتي زریر شرمنده کردید

طوطي چون این حکایت زریر تمام کرد خجسته را کفت بر خیز و پیش دلبر خود برو توقف جایز مدار چون خجسته بر خاست و قصد رفتن انجا نمود خروس بال بکشاد و آواز نمود و صبح ظاهر شد رفتن خجسته موقوف کردید

" not catch him. Helpless, he returned to that city,
" and there followed his business again for some
" years longer; and when he had acquired a farther
" sum of money, once more took the road to his own
" house. At night he lodged at a place, when, not-
" withstanding all his precautions, a thief carried off
" his money. Reduced to poverty, he said to him-
" self, It is not my fortune to be rich, and therefore
" the thief has taken away my property. Then he
" returned home empty-handed, and acquainted his
" wife with what had befallen him. She said, Did
" I not tell you, at first, that you could not any-where
" acquire beyond what is your destiny? Regardless
" of my words, you went a journey; say now what
" benefit have you experienced? Zereer was ashamed
" of himself."

The parrot, having concluded the story of Zereer, said to Khojisteh, " Arise and go to your lover, hold " not delay to be lawful." When Khojisteh intended to have gone thither, the cock flapped his wings, and morning appearing, her departure was deferred.

حکایت شانزدهم چهار کس مالدار و مغلس شدن انها

چون افتاب بقعر مغرب فرو رفت و ماه از مشرق بر آمد خجسته سینه بریان و چشم گریان پیش طوطي رفت و کفت اي سبز پوش غم عشق بر من گران است تو هرشب از نصیحت و کفتکوي وقت من ضایع میکني من عاشقم مرا با نصیحت چه کار طوطي کفت اي کد بانو این چه سخن است لیکن سخن دوستان باید شنید زیرا که هر کس که سخن دوستان نشنود او پشیمان میشود چنانکه شخصي پشیمان شده بود خجسته پرسید که آن حکایت چکونه بود

طوطي کفت که وقتي در شهر بلخ چهار یار بودند هر چهار کس مالدار و صاحب کالا بودند

TALE THE SIXTEENTH.

Four rich Persons who became poor.

WHEN the sun descended into the caverns of the west, and the moon came out of the east, Khojisteh, with aching breast and weeping eyes, went to the parrot, and said, "Alas, you green coat! the sorrows of "love overwhelm me; every night you make me "lose my time by your admonitions and discourse: "I am in love, of what use is admonition to me?" The parrot replied, "My mistress! what a speech is "this? However, the words of friends ought to be "attended to; and they who refuse to hearken to "the voice of friends, will repent it, as a certain per- "son did." Khojisteh desired to hear the story.

The parrot said, "Once on a time, in the city of "Balkh, there were four persons, men of property,

و باہم دوستی می داشتند اتفاقاً ہمہ مفلس
گردیدند و ہر چہار کس پیش فیلسوفی رفتند و
احوال مفلسی خودہا بیان نمودند فیلسوف بر آنہا
رحم آورد و ہریک را یکیک مہرہ حکمت داد و
فرمود کہ این مہرہ برسر خودہا نہید و روانہ شوید
ہرجا کہ مہرہ شمایان از سر بیفتد ہمان جا بکاوید و
ہرچہ از نصیب شمایان از زمین براید بگیرید ہرچہار
یار بموجب فرمودۂ حکیم روانہ شدند چون چند
گروہ رفتند مہرہ یکی از سر افتاد انجا کاوید مس
ظاہر شد دیگر یاران را گفت کہ من این
مس را از زر بہتر می پندارم اگر شمایان بخواہید
اینجا باشید آنہا قبول نکردند و پیشتر روان
شدند چون قدری راہ رفتند مہرہ دویم شخصی
از سر افتاد و انجا کان نقرہ ظاہر شد او گفت اگر
بخواہید اینجا باشید این سیم از شما است آنہا
راضی نشدند چون پیشتر رفتند مہرہ دیگر کس از
سر افتاد و انجا کاوید کان زر پیدا شد یار چہارم را
گفت

" who united together in friendship. It happened that
" they all became poor: and all four repaired to a
" philosopher, and told him the circumstances of their
" distress. The philosopher had compassion on them,
" and gave each a miraculous ball, which he ordered
" them to place on their respective heads, and to set
" out; and said, Wherever the balls fall from your
" heads, there dig, and whatever is your destiny will
" come out of the ground, take it. The four friends,
" according to the philosopher's directions, set out to-
" gether: when they had gone five cose, the ball fell
" from one of their heads; he dug on the spot, and
" found copper. He said to his three friends, I pre-
" fer this copper in hand to gold in expectancy: if you
" desire it, continue here. They did not accept of
" his offer, but proceeded on their way. When they
" had gone a little farther, the second man's ball fell
" from his head, on which spot a silver-mine was
" discovered: he said, If you are willing, remain
" here, this silver is your property: they were not
" satisfied. When they had gone on, another man's
" ball fell from his head, and he digging there, found
" a gold-mine: he said to the fourth person, No

" metal

کفت هیچ نقد خوبتر از زر نیست میخواهم که
که من و تو اینجا باشیم او کفت که پیشتر کان
جواهر خواهد بود چرا اینجا خواهم بود چون یک
کروه راه رفت مهرهٔ او از سر افتاد چون آن
زمین را کاوید کان آهن دید پشیمان کردید که
چرا کان زر را کذاشتم و سخن دوست نشنیدم
القصه انجا باز رفت نه آن دوست را دید نه کان زر
یافت با خود کفت که زیاده از نصیب کسي نمي
یابد باز بطرف کان اهن روانه شد و هر چند جست
نیافت لاچار نزدیک فیلسوف رفت اورا انجاندید
مسکین نهایت پشیمان کردید

چون طوطي این سخن تمام نمود خجسته را کفت
که هرکه سخن دوستان نشنود همان بیند چنانکه آن
بد بخت دید حالا بر خیز و جانب دوست خود برو
که این ساعت نیک است خجسته خواست که برود
در حال خروس صبح بانک برزد و صبح ظاهر شد
و رفتن او موقوف کردید

" metal is preferable to gold, I wish that you and I
" should fix here. He answered, Farther on, there
" will be a mine of precious stones: why should I
" stop here? He went on a cose, when his ball fell
" from his head, and on digging the ground, he saw
" an iron-mine. Repentant, he said, Why did I quit
" the gold-mine, and reject the advice of my friend?
" In short he returned from thence, but neither found
" his friend nor the gold-mine. He said to him-
" self, No person can find beyond what is his destiny.
" He set out again towards the iron-mine, but, not-
" withstanding all his search, could not regain it.
" Helpless, he went in quest of the philosopher, who
" was not to be found. Reduced to extreme pover-
" ty, he bewailed his folly."

The parrot, having finished this discourse, said to Khojisteh, " Whosoever will not listen to the advice
" of friends, will suffer like this unhappy man. Now
" arise, and go to your lover, for this is a lucky hour."
Khojisteh wanted to have gone immediately; but the morning cock crowed, and day appearing, her departure was delayed.

حکايت هفدهم پادشاه شدن شغال و کشته شدن او

چون آفتاب بمغرب رفت و ماه از مشرق بر آمد
خجسته بطلب اجازت بر طوطي رفت ديد که طوطي
متفکر نشسته پرسيد که اي صاحب عقل چرا
متفکر نشسته طوطي گفت تو عالي خاندان هستي
نميدانم که معشوق تو نيز عالي خاندان است يا
کمينه اگر همچو تو بزرگ قوم است با او دوستي
کردن مضايقه ندارد بلکه بهتر است و گرنه مصلحت
نيست خجسته گفت اي محرم راز من تو راست
ميگوئي پس چگونه احوال او معلوم کنم طوطي
گفت عيب و هنر آدمي از زبان او معلوم ميشود
مگر حکايت آن شغال نشنيده خجسته پرسيد آن
چگونه است

طوطي

TALE THE SEVENTEENTH.

How the Jackal was made King, and then killed.

WHEN the sun descended into the west, and the moon rose in the east, Khojisteh went to the parrot to ask leave. Seeing the parrot sitting pensive, she said, " Why are you thoughtful ?" The parrot replied, " You are of a great family, I know not whether " your lover is also of noble descent. If his family " is found to be great, like yours, there can be no " harm in forming a friendship with him, nay it is " desirable ; but otherwise it should be avoided." Khojisteh answered, " Alas! guardian of my secret, " you say true ; how can I learn his character ?" The parrot answered, " A man's virtues and vices are " discovered by his conversation ; but have you not " heard the story of the jackal ?" Khojisteh desired to hear it.

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طوطي گفت که شغالي هميشه در شهر ميرفت و در ظروف مردمان دهن مي انداخت شبي بعادت معهود بخانهٔ نيل گري رفت و درون خم نيل سر انداخت اتفاقا همه تن او در خم افتاد و از محنت بسيار بيرون آمد تمام اندامش نيلگون گرديد چون در بيابان رفت همه جانوران بشکل عجيب ديدند دانستند که اين کلان جانور است همه شغالان اورا سردار خود کردند و در حکم او محکوم گرديدند شغال از براي انکه اورا کسي از آواز نشناسد ديگر جانوران ضعيف را نزد خود ايستاده ميکرد چنانچه وقت در بار شغالان در صف اول ايستاده ميشدند و روباه درصف دوم و آهوان و بوزنه در صف سيوم و گرگان در صف چهارم و شيران در صف پنجم و پيلان در صف ششم هرگاه که شغالان بانگ ميکردند سردار هم همراه آنها آواز مي نمود کسي اين را معلوم نميکرد بعد چند روز آن شغال سردار از شغالان ديگر بانگ کردن گرفت و آنهارا

The parrot said, " A jackal had made a practice of
" going to a city, where he thrust his muzzle into
" vessels belonging to different people. One night,
" according to custom, he went to the house of an
" indigo-maker, and having thrust his head into a
" jar of indigo, it happened that he fell in bodily,
" and found great difficulty in getting out again:
" his whole body was dyed blue. When he went
" to the desert, all the beasts, seeing such a wonder-
" ful figure, conceived him to be some mighty ani-
" mal. The corps of jackals made him their leader,
" and obeyed his commands. The jackal, in order
" that nobody might discover him by his voice, made
" other weak animals stand near him. Thus, during
" the levee, the jackals formed the first rank, the
" foxes the second, the deer and the monkeys the
" third; wolves made up the fourth rank, lions the
" fifth, and elephants the sixth rank. Whenever the
" jackals barked, the leader also made a noise along
" with them, and no one found him out. But after
" some days, this leader becoming ashamed of the

و آنهارا از نزد خود دور کرد و نزدیک خود شیر و
پیل را جا داد چون وقت شب شد شغالان
بانک آغاز کردند سردار هم آواز کردن کرفت
جانوران که نزد او ایستاده بودند دانستند که او
کیست در دل خودها شرمنده شدند و سردار را
کرفته شکم او چاک کردند

طوطي چون این حکایت تمام کرد خجسته را کفت
که اي کدبانو عیب و هنر هر کدام از زبان او
معلوم مي شود حالا پیش معشوق خود برو و با او
کفتکو کن عیب و هنر او معلوم خواهد شد خجسته
رفتن خواست در حال خروس آواز کرد و صبح ظاهر
شد رفتن او موقوف کردید

" other jackals, removed them to a distance, and
" placed the lions and elephants near himself: at
" night the jackals began to howl, when the leader
" joined in their noise. The beasts who stood near
" him, discovered who he was: they were ashamed
" of themselves, and falling on the leader, ripped up
" his belly."

The parrot, having finished the story, said to Khojisteh, " My mistress, the vices and virtues of every
" individual may be discovered by his conversation.
" Go now to your lover, and talk with him, in order
" to learn his character." Khojisteh wanted to go; immediately the cock crowed, and morning appearing, her visit was deferred.

حکایت هیجدهم بشیر که بازني چندر نام دوستي کرده بود

چون آفتاب بمغرب رفت و ماه از مشرق برآمد خجسته بادل غم آلود پیش طوطي رفت و گفت اي طوطي هرشب بطلب رخصت نزد تومی آیم نه براي شنیدن نصیحت طوطي گفت اي خجسته خاطر جمعدار که حالا جلد با دوست خواهي پیوست چنانکه اعرابي اول محنت کشید آخر راحت یافت خجسته پرسید که حکایت او چگونه است

طوطي آغاز کرد که در شهري جواني بود بشر نام داشت بازني چندر نام دوستي کرد بعد چند روز راز ایشان فاش شد شوهر چندر اورا بجاي دیگر برد بشیر از مفارقت او روز و شب میگریست

روزي

TALE THE EIGHTEENTH.

Of the Intimacy of Besheer with a Woman named Chunder.

WHEN the sun sunk into the west, and the moon appeared in the east, Khojisteh, with an aching heart, came to the parrot, and said, " I come to you every " night to ask leave, and not to hear admonition." The parrot answered, " Make yourself easy, Kho- " jisteh, for now I will quickly unite you with your " friend; just as the Arab who first suffered distress, " and at length obtained satisfaction." Khojisteh asked, " What is the nature of this story?"

The parrot began: " In a city was a youth called " Besheer, who had formed an intimacy with a wo- " man named Chunder. After some days, their se- " cret became public. Chunder's husband removed

" her

روزي بايک اعرابي که دوست قديم او بود گفت
ميخواهم که نزد چندر بروم ليکن تو همراه من
بيا اعرابي قبول کرد القصه هر دو کسان باهم روانه
شدند چون متصل ديرهٔ چندر رسيدند زير
درختي نزول کردند بشير اعرابي را نزد چندر
فرستاد اعرابي بخانه اورفت و سلام بشير بچندر
رسانيد چندر گفت که وقت شب زير آن درخت
خواهم آمد چون شب شد چندر انجا رفت و
بشير چندر را در کنار گرفت عاشق بمعشوق
پيوست بشير گفت مي تواني که امشب اينجا
باشي گفت نه ليکن اگر اعرابي کاري بکند تا
ميتوانم اعرابي گفت آن چيست چندر گفت که
جامهٔ من بپوش و در خانه من برو و در صحن خانه
بنشين چون شوهر من بيايد و قدح شير بيارد و
ترا بدهد و بگويد که بخور تو آن قدح را مگير و روي
خود مکشاي هرگاه او قدح شير نزد تو خواهد نهاد و
بيرون خواهد رفت پس آنرا بخور اعرابي قبول
کرد

" her to another place; and Besheer was bewailing
" their separation day and night. One day he said
" to an Arab, with whom he had been long intimate,
" I want to visit Chunder, but come you along with
" me: the Arab consented. In short, they both
" set out together. When they arrived near Chun-
" der's dwelling, they alighted under a tree; Besheer
" sent the Arab, who went to her house, and pre-
" sented his friend's compliments. Chunder said, At
" night I will be under that tree. At night Chunder
" went to the spot, when Besheer clasped her round
" the waist, and the lovers were united. Besheer
" asked if she would continue there the whole night?
" She answered, No, unless the Arab undertook a
" commission, in which case she would be able to
" stay. The Arab asked what he was to do: Chun-
" der said, Put on my gown, enter my house, and sit
" down in the court-yard: when my husband comes
" with a bowl of milk, and gives you to drink, don't
" take the bowl, neither uncover your face; upon
" which he will place the milk near you and go
" away; afterwards drink it. The Arab consented,
" and got into her house. When Chunder's hus-
" band came with the bowl of milk, all he said could

" not

کرد و در خانه او رفت چون شوهر چندر رسید و
قدح پر شیر آورد هرچند که براي خوردن مبالغه
نمود اعرابي لب نکشاد و قدح را از دست او
نگرفت شوهر غصه کردید و از تازیانه اورا زدن
آغاز کرد و کفت هرچند که با تو لطف مي نمایم
تودهن خود نمي کشائي د جواب سخن من نمیدهي
القصه انچنان تازیانه زد که پشت او کبود کردید
چون شوهر چندر رفت اعرابي میکریست و میخندید
دران اثنا مادر چندر آمد و کفت که ترا همیشه
نصیحت میکنم چرا شوي خودرا دوست نمیداري
اکر براي بشیر در غم هستي باز روي شوهر نخواهي
دید مادر چندر رفت و خواهر چندر را کفت که تو نزد
چندر بنشین و اورا نصیحت کن که با شوهر چرا
نمیسازد خواهر چندر نزد اعرابي رفت اعرابي چون
روي خواهر چندر بدید در دزد و کوب خود فراموش
کرد و سراز چادر بر آورد و با او کفت که اي زن
خواهر تو امشب نزد بشیرا رفته و مرا بجاي خود

فرستاده

" not prevail on the Arab either to drink, or to open
" his mouth, or even to take the bowl from his hand.
" The husband fell into a rage, and began scourging
" him, saying, Notwithstanding I shew you so much
" indulgence, you will not open your lips, nor give any
" answer to my words. In short, he flogged the Arab
" so unmercifully that his skin was black and blue.
" When Chunder's husband left the Arab, he both
" wept and laughed. At that juncture came Chun-
" der's mother, and said, I am continually admonish-
" ing you; why will you not make a friend of your
" husband? If you pine after Besheer, your husband
" will not see your face again. The mother went
" away, and said to Chunder's sister, Go and sit with
" her, and ask her why she will not agree with her
" husband? Chunder's sister approached the Arab,
" who, at the sight of her face, forgot what he had
" suffered from the flogging, and putting his head out
" of the sheet, said, Ah madam! your sister is gone
" to-night to Besheer, and sent me to fill her place;
" see what a flogging I have undergone for her sake:
" come now and pass the night with me, in order
" to preserve my secret, or otherwise both your sister
" and myself will suffer disgrace. Chunder's sister

فرستاده است به بين كه براي او چه تازيانه خوردم
حالا ترا بايد كه بامن بخسپي و راز من فاش نكني
وگرنه من و خواهر تو هردو رسوا خواهيم شد خواهر
چندر خنديد و باعرابي خفت چون اندكي شب
باقي ماند اعرابي نزد چندر رفت باعرابي پرسيد
كه شب ترا چگونه گذشت اعرابي همه احوال
شوهر تقرير كرد و پشت خود باو نمود چندر
نهايت شرمنده شد و ندانست كه همه شب با
خواهر او عيش كرد

طوطي چون اين سخن تمام كرد خجسته را
گفت كه حالا بر خيز و پيش معشق خود برو او
خواست كه برود خروس آواز كرد صبح ظاهر شد
رفتن خجسته موقوف گشت

" laughed; and then slept with the Arab. When
" it was near morning, the Arab repaired to Chun-
" der, who asked him how he had passed the night?
" He told her all the circumstances about the hus-
" band, and shewed her his back. Chunder was greatly
" ashamed of herself; but knew not how pleasantly
" he had passed the night with her sister."

The parrot, having finished the story, said to Khojisteh, " Now arise and go to your sweet-heart." She wanted to have gone; but the cock crowed, and the morning appearing, her departure was deferred.

حکایت نوزدهم تاجر وکشته شدن اسپ ماده شخصي

چون آفتاب بمغرب رفت و ماه از مشرق بر آمد خجسته پارچه نیکو پوشیده بر طوطي وفت و گفت اي طوطي اگرچه مي توانم که پیش محبوب خود بروم لیکن بي رخصت تو مصلحت خود نمي بینم زیرا که بر عقل تو اعتماد دارم امشب مرا جلد رخصت کن طوطي گفت اي کدبانو عاقلان بدون مصلحت کار نمیکنند تو خود عاقل هستي ازین سبب بي مشورت تو هیچ کار نمیکني یقین میدانم که اگر مبادا کسي با تو دشمني خواهد نمود تو چنان تدبیر خواهي کرد که هیچ بلا بتو نرسد چنانکه تاجري حکمت و حیله نمود خجسته پرسید که حکایت او چگونه است

طوطي

TALE THE NINETEENTH.

The Merchant, and how a Person's Mare was killed.

WHEN the sun had gone down in the west, and the moon was risen in the east, Khojisteh put on fine attire, and, going to the parrot, said, "Although I am "able of myself to go to my lover, still I do not think "it adviseable without your consent, because I rely "on your judgment: be expeditious to-night in giv-"ing me permission." The parrot answered, "My "mistress, they who are wise do nothing without "deliberation; you possess a good understanding, "and therefore will never act rashly. I am well "assured, that if any one should choose to act ini-"mically towards you, such will be your manage-"ment that no misfortune will befall you: just as "the merchant wisely contrived." Khojisteh asked, "What is the nature of his story?"

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طوطي آغاز كرد كه در زمان پيشين تاجري بود
عاقل اسپي داشت بد خوي رواي تاجر طعام ميخورد
در اثناي آن شخصي بر اسپ ماده انجار سيدواز
اسپ فرود آمده آن را نزد اسپ تاجر بستن
خواست تاجر باو كفت كه نزد اسپ من مبندان
شخص نشنيد و اسپ ماده خودرا نزد اسپ تاجر
بست و با تاجر طعام خوردن كرفت تاجر كفت
تو كيستي و چه كسي كه بيحكم من بامن طعام مي
خوري آن شخص خودرا كر ساخت و هيچ جواب
نداد تاجر پنداشت كه اين مرد كراست يا كنك
لاچار خاموش كرديد بعد يك لحظه اسپ تاجر
آن ماده را چنان لكد زد كه شكم او چاك كرديد و
مرد آن شخص با تاجر قضيه اغاز كرد و كفت كه
اسپ تو اسپ ماده مرا كشت قيمت آن البته از
تو خواهم كرفت القصه آنشخص پيش قاضي رفت
و نالش نمود قاضي تاجر را طلبيد تاجر پيش قاضي
رفت و خودرا كنك ساخت هر سخن كه قاضي از او
پرسيد

The parrot began: " In time of yore, there was a
" wise merchant who had a vicious horse. One day,
" during the time the merchant was eating a meal,
" a person arrived on a mare, and, having alighted,
" wanted to tie his mare near the merchant's horse.
" The merchant said to him, Don't tie her near my
" horse! The man did not mind, but tied his mare
" close to the merchant's horse, and then sat him-
" self down to eat with the merchant; who, there-
" upon said, What kind of person art thou, thus to
" sit down at my table uninvited? The man feigned
" himself deaf, and did not give any answer. The
" merchant imagined the man was deaf or dumb,
" and being helpless said nothing further. A moment
" after, the merchant's horse kicked the mare so
" violently that her belly was ripped open, and she
" died. The owner began to dispute with the mer-
" chant, saying, Your horse has killed my mare, cer-
" tainly I will make you pay me her value. In short,
" he went and lodged his complaint before the Cazy,
" who cited the merchant, and he obeyed the sum-
" mons, but pretended to be dumb, and did not give
" any answer to all the Cazy's interrogatories. The

" Cazy

پرسید هیچ جواب نداد قاضي گفت این تاجر
گنگ است تقصیر او هیچ نیست مدعي از قاضي
گفت که چگونه دانستي که او گنگ است آنوقت
که من نزد اسپ او اسپ ماده خودرا بستن مي
خواستم مرا گفته که مبند حالا خودرا گنگ شاخته
است قاضي گفت که اگر ترا منع کرده بود پس
تقصیر او چیست تو از اینجا برو بسیار حرام
زاده هستي و احمق که از زبان خود اقرار کردي
طوطي چون این حکایت تمام کرد خجسته را
گفت حالا پیش محبوب خود برو خجسته رفتن خواست
همان وقت خروس آواز کرد و صبح ظاهر شد
رفتن او موقوف گردید

" Cazy observed, the merchant is dumb, and is not
" in the least to blame. The plaintiff asked the
" Judge, How do you know he is dumb? at the
" time I wanted to tie my mare near his horse he
" said to me, Don't tie! Now he feigns himself dumb.
" The Cazy remarked, if he warned you *against the*
" *accident*, what then is his fault? Go from hence!
" you are a bastard, and a blockhead; you have made
" your own tongue convict you."

The parrot, having finished the story, said, " Now
" go to your lover." She wanted to have gone; at
the very time the cock crowed, and the dawn appear-
ing, her visit was put off.

حکایت بیستم زني که بحیله از دست شیر خلاص شده بود

چون افتاب بمغرب رفت و ماه از مشرق بر آمد خجسته بطلب رخصت بر طوطي رفت و کفت اي محرم راز بر من رحم کن و امشب مرا جلد رخصت ده و هرچه تو با من کفتن میخواهي زود بکو طوطي کفت اي کدبانو بارها ترا آزموده ام اما ترا عاقل یافتم نصیحت من بتو هیچ در کار نیست لیکن مبادا اکر حادثه در پیش تو آید حیله آغاز کني چنانکه زني در بیاباني با شیر حیله نمود هیچ آفت باو نرسید خجسته پرسد که آن حکایت چکونه است

طوطي کفتن آغاز کرد که در شهري مردي بود

TALE THE TWENTIETH.

The Woman who by a Stratagem escaped out of the Lion's Clutches.

WHEN the sun sunk down in the west, and the moon got up in the east, Khojisteh went to the parrot to ask leave, and said, " Ah, thou preserver of my " secret! take pity on me, quickly give me permis- " sion ; and whatever you may have to say, deliver it " hastily." The parrot replied, " My mistress, I have " repeatedly put you to the proof, but have always " found you wise ; you need not my advice : how- " ever, if, peradventure, any accident should befall " you, play off a stratagem, like the woman in the " desert, who, by practising artifice with a lion, did " not suffer any injury." Khojisteh asked, " What " kind of story is that?"

The parrot began, saying, " In a certain city lived

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بود زني داشت نهايت بد خصلت و زبان دراز
روزي مرد براي تقصيري اورا تازيانه زد زن با دو
طفل خورد راه بيابان گرفت اتفاقا شيري را ديدزن
ترسيد و با خود گفت كه بسيار بد كردم كه بي
حكم شوي بيرون آمدم اگر ازين شير ماهيچ
آفت بمن نرسد باز بخانه رفته فرمان برداري او
بكنم القصه زن حيله آغاز كرد و با شير گفت كه
اي شير نزد من آو سخن بشنو شير متعجب
شد و پرسيد كه كدام سخن است بگو زن
گفت كه درين بيابان شيريست بزرگ همه
مردمان و چارپايان ازوي مي ترسند پادشاه
سه چهار مردمان را براي خوراک او ميفرستد
امروز نوبت من و اين دو طفل است اگر ميخواهي
از من طفلكان را بگير و بخور وازين دشت بگريز
من نيز مجرد و تنها شوم و بگريزم شير گفت
خوب چون تو همه احوال خود بمن گفتي مرا مصلحت
نيست كه ترا بخورم يا طفلان ترا زيرا كه مرا جاي
گريختن

" a man who had a very ill-natured wife, a great
" scold. One day, having chastised her for some fault,
" she, with two infants, took the road to the desert.
" It happened that the woman saw a lion ; and, being
" terrified, said to herself, I have acted very ill in
" coming abroad without having the consent of my
" husband : if no calamity befalls me from this lion,
" I will return home and be obedient to him. In short,
" the woman formed her plan, and said to the lion,
" Come near and listen to my words. The lion was
" astonished, and said, Speak! what have you to say?
" The woman said, In this desert is a mighty lion,
" the terror of every man and beast; the king sends
" three or four men for his *daily* subsistence : to-day
" the lot has fallen on myself and these two infants:
" take my children and devour them, and then escape
" from this desert; I also, being alone and unencum-
" bered, may then run away. The lion replied,
" Well, now you have told me all your own circum-
" stances: it would answer no purpose for me to de-
" vour either you or your children ; because I have
" no place of retreat. In short, the lion went to ano-

" ther

گریختن نیست القصه شیر طرفي دیگر رفت و زن
راه شهر خود پیش گرفت و باقي عمر در فرمان
برداري شوهر سپري ساخت

طوطي این حکایت تمام نموده خجسته را گفت
که اي کد بانو برخیز توقف مکن جانب معشوق
خود برو خجسته بر خاست و قصد رفتن کرد در حال
خروس آواز کرد و صبح ظاهر شد رفتن خجسته
موقوف گردید

" ther part of the desert; and the woman took the
" road to her own city, and, during the remainder
" of her life, was obedient to her husband."

The parrot, having finished the story, said to Khojisteh, " Arise, my mistress, delay not, go to your
" lover." Khojisteh got up, and made an effort to go. At the instant the cock crowed, and morning appearing, her departure was deferred.

حکایت بیست و یکم پادشاهي و پسران او و یک غوک و مار

چون آفتاب بمغرب رفت و ماه از مشرق بر آمد خجسته بطلب اجازت بر طوطي رفت و کفت اي طوطي کدام وقت خواهد بود که بمحبوب خود خواهم رسید میخواهم که بروم لیکن نمي توانم رفت نمیدانم که بخت من چکونه است طوطي کفت اي کدبانو حالا دل من کواهي میدهد که جلد تو بدوست خواهي پیوست لیکن اکر بمعشوق خود رسي شرایط دوستي همه بجا آري و هیچ فرو نکذاري چنانکه خالص و مخلص خدمت شاهزاده بجا آوردند و شرایط دوستي فرونکذاشتند خجسته پرسید که حکایت انها چکونه است

TALE THE TWENTY-FIRST.

Of a King and his Sons, and of a Frog and a Snake.

WHEN the sun sunk into the west, and the moon appeared in the east, Khojisteh went to the parrot, to ask leave, and said, " O parrot! when will that time
" arrive that I shall join my beloved ? I wish to go,
" but have not resolution : I know not what kind
" of fortune mine is." The parrot said, " Alas, my
" mistress! my heart at this instant bears witness, that
" I will quickly unite you with your friend ; but if
" you get to your lover, perform all the conditions
" which friendship requires, neglecting not an item;
" just as Khaliss and Mukhless served the king's son,
" in exact conformity to the duties of friendship."
Khojisteh asked, " What is the nature of this story?"

طوطي كفتن اغاز كرد كه وقتي پادشاهي بود
بزرك دو پسر داشت چون پادشاه ازين جهان
كوچ كرد تاج و تخت او پسر كلان كرفت و برا در
خوردرا خواست كه بكشدان بيچاره تنها ازان شهر
و ملك بيرون رفت روزي بر تالابي رسيد ديد
كه غوكي را ماري كرفته بود و غوك شور ميكرد
شاهزاده بانك بر مارزد و مار اورا كذاشت غوك
در آب رفت و مار ايستاده ماند شاهزاده از مار
شرمنده كرديد كه طعمه او از دهن او جدا كرد القصه
قدري كوشت از اندام خود تراشيده پيش مار
انداخت مار آن مضغه كوشت در دهن كرفته نزد
ماده خود رفت ماده چون انرا اتناول كرد با مار
كفت كه اين كوشت مزه دار ولذيذ از كجا آورده
مار همه احوال با ماده تقرير كرد ماده كفت آنشخص
كه با تو چنين مهرباني نمود ترا بايد كه شكر او كني
مار بصورت آدمي شده نزد شاهزاده رفت و كفت
كه نام من خالص است ميخواهم كه در خدمت تو

The parrot began, saying, " Once on a time, there
" was a mighty monarch, who had two sons; and
" when he departed from this world, the eldest son
" assumed his crown and throne, and wanted to kill
" his younger brother; who, having no resource,
" quitted the city and kingdom, unattended. One
" day he came to the side of a pond, where a snake
" had seized a frog, who was crying out. The prince
" called out to the snake, who, thereupon quitted his
" hold: the frog jumped into the water, and the
" snake remained. The prince was ashamed, in that
" he had taken the food out of the snake's mouth.
" In short, he cut a piece of flesh from his own body,
" and flung it to the snake, who went to his female
" with the flesh in his mouth. The female, on
" tasting it, said to the male, From whence did you
" bring this savoury meat? The snake told her all
" the circumstances. The female said, You ought to
" shew your gratitude to the person who did you such
" kindness. The snake, having transformed himself
" into the shape of a man, waited on the prince, and
" said, My name is Khaliss (or sincere): I want to

" engage

حاضر باشم شاهزاده قبول نمود غوک چون از دهن
مار جست خون الوده بر مادهٔ خود رفت و همه احوال
او با ماده کفت ماده او کفت که حالا در خدمت
آنشخص حاضر باش غوک نیز بصورت آدمي
متمثل کردیده بخدمت شاهزاده رفت و کفت
که نام من مخلص است میخواهم که همچون
بندکان خدمت تو کنم شاهزاده اورا هم بخدمت
کرفت هرسه کس از انجا روانه شدند و در شهري
رسیدند دران شهر پادشاهي بود شاهزاده پیش
او رفت و کفت من چنان شجاع ام که باصد
مردم تنها توانم جنکید اکر هزار روپیه روزینه مرا
بدهي تا در خدمت تو باشم و هرکاه هرکاریکه بفرمائي
انجام کنم پادشاه اورا نوکرداشت و هزار روپیه
روزینه مقرر فرمود شاهزاده هر روز هزار روپیه
میکرفت صد روپیه خود خرج میکرد و دو صد روپیه
همراهان خودرا میداد و باقي خیرات میکرد روزي
پادشاه براي شکار ماهي رفت اتفاقا انکشترین
پادشاه

" engage in your service. The prince assented. When
" the frog leaped from the jaws of the snake, stained
" with blood, he went to his female and told her all
" the circumstances. The female said to him, Go
" now, and be ready to do a service to that person.
" The frog, also, having assumed the human form,
" came to the prince, and said, My name is Mukh-
" less (or candid); I wish to serve you, like *the rest*
" *of your* slaves. The prince entertained him also in
" his service. These three men departed from thence,
" and came to a city, wherein was a king; to whom
" the prince went, and said, I am so valiant, that
" alone I am able to fight against an hundred men:
" if you will pay me one thousand rupees daily, I
" will enter into your service; and whatever business
" you shall command me to perform, I will always
" accomplish. The king took him into his service,
" and ordered him one thousand rupees daily allow-
" ance. The prince received one thousand rupees
" every day, one hundred of which sufficed for his
" own expences, two hundred he divided between his
" companions, and the remainder he bestowed in cha-
" rity. One day the king went to enjoy the sport of
" fishing: it happened that the king's ring fell into

" the

پادشاه در دریا افتاد هرچند که جست نیافت
شاه‌زاده‌را فرمود که انگشترین من از دریا برآر
شاهزاده همراهان خود را گفت آنها گفتند که این
چه کار است که ملک شمارا فرموده است مخلص
گفت خاطر جمعدار این کار من خواهم کرد مخلص
بصورت غوک شده در دریا غوطه زده در حال
انگشترین بر اورد شاه‌زاده انگشترین را نزد
بادشاه برد پادشاه زیاده براو مهربانی کرد بعد
چند روز دختر ملک را مار گزید حکیمان هر چند دوا
کردند فایده نشد پادشاه شاه‌زاده را فرمود که
دخترم را نیکو کن شاه‌زاده متفکر شد و با خود
گفت که این کار من نیست خالص عرض کرد که
مرا نزد آن دختر ببر و در خلوت اورا بنشان من
اورا نیکو خواهم کرد او همچنان کرد خالص دهن
خود بر زخم مار نهاد و مکید و همه زهررا در دهن
خود کشید دختر في الحال آرام یافت پادشاه
بسیار خوشنود شد و شادي دختر باشاه‌زاده
کرد

" the river; and, notwithstanding all the search that
" was made after it, could not be recovered. He
" said to the prince, Fetch my ring out of the river.
" The prince conversed with his companions, who
" asked, What kind of business is this which the king
" has commanded you to perform? Mukhless said,
" Make your mind easy, I will execute this business.
" Mukhless, accordingly, having assumed the form
" of a frog, plunged into the river, and instantly
" brought out the ring. The prince presented the
" ring to his majesty, who increased his kindness
" towards him. Some days after, the king's daugh-
" ter being bit by a snake, all the remedies applied
" by the physicians produced no effect. The king
" commanded the prince to cure his daughter. The
" prince was pensive, and said to himself, This is
" not my business. Khaliss (or candid) said, Convey
" me to the lady, and place her in a retired situation;
" I will cure her. He did so. Khaliss applied his
" own mouth to the wound which the snake had made,
" and sucked out all the poison; when the princess
" instantly obtained relief. The king was highly de-
" lighted, and bestowed his daughter in marriage on

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کرد و نایب خود کردانید خالص و مخلص هردو
عرض کردند که حالا رخصت میخواهیم شاهزاده
کفت این چه وقت رخصت است خالص کفت
که من آن مارام که مرا کوشت خود داده بودي
مخلص کفت که من آن غوکم که مرا از دهن مار
خلاص کرده بودي حالا میخواهیم که بجاي خود ها برویم
شاهزاده هردورا رخصت نمود

طوطي چون این حکایت تمام کرد با خجسته
کفت حالا برو و توقف مکن خجسته بر خاست که
برود در حال خروس آواز کرد و صبح ظاهر شد
رفتن خجسته موقوف کشت

" the prince, whom he made his lieutenant. Khaliss
" and Mukhless both said, We now want leave to
" depart. The prince observed, What a time is this
" for taking leave! Khaliss said, I am that snake to
" whom you gave your own flesh; Mukhless said,
" I am the very frog whom you delivered from the
" mouth of the snake: we now wish to return to
" our own habitations. The prince took leave of
" them both."

The parrot, having finished the tale, said to Khojisteh, " Go now, delay not." Khojisteh arose in order to have gone; immediately the cock crowed, and her departure was deferred.

حکایت بیست دوم یک تاجر و دختر او و کم شدن او

چون افتاب بمغرب رفت و ماه از مشرق بر آمد خجسته بر طوطي رفت و متفکر نشست طوطي پرسید اي کد بانو چرا امشب متفکر هستي خجسته گفت که دي شب در دل من این سخن آمد که معشوق من دانا است یا نادان یا عالم یا جاهل است اگر نادان است صحبت او مرا همچو مرگ خواهد شد طوطي گفت اي کد بانو این وقت در خانه محبوب خود برو و حکایت دختر تاجر با او بگو و عقل او بیازماي اگر جواب خوب بدهد بدان که دانا است خجسته پرسید ان حکایت چگونه است

طوطي

TALE THE TWENTY-SECOND.

The Merchant whose Daughter was lost.

WHEN the sun went into the west, and the moon appeared in the east, Khojisteh repaired to the parrot, and sat down, contemplative. The parrot asked, "Alas, "my mistress! why art thou thoughtful to-night?" Khojisteh said, "Last night these reflections came "into my mind—whether my lover is wise or sim- "ple, learned or ignorant. If he is silly, his society "will resemble death." The parrot said, "My mis- "tress, go this time to the house of your lover, and "relate to him the story of the merchant's daughter, "in order to try his understanding. If he gives you "a proper answer, you may esteem him wise." Khojisteh asked, "What is the nature of the story?"

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طوطي اغاز کرد که در کابل تاجري بوو مالدار دختري داشت خوبروي زهره نام توانکران هر شهر خواهش او ميداشتند دختر کسي را قبول نميکرد و پدررا ميکفت که من با آن مرد شادي خواهم کرد که دانشمند کامل خواهد بود يا هنرمند بسيار اين سخن در همه ملك مشهور کرديد در شهري سه جوان بودند و هر يك هنر خوب ميداشتند هر سه جوان در کابل رفتند و تاجر مذکوررا کفتند که اکر دخترت شوهر هنرمند ميخواهد ما هر سه کس هستيم يکي کفت هنر من اين است که هرچه کم ميشود ميدانم که کجا است و احوال اينده را ميشناسم دويم کفت که از چوب چنان اسپ ميسازم که هرکه بران سوار بشود چون تخت سليمان بر هوا ميرود سيوم شخص کفت که من تيرانداز هستم بر هرکه تيرمي زنم اورا ميدوزم تاجر احوال هر سه کس با دختر خود کفت دخترش جوابداد که من با خود مشورت کرده فردا جواب

The parrot began: " In Cabul was an opulent
" merchant, who had a beautiful daughter, named
" Zerah (or Venus). Wealthy persons, of every city,
" courted her: but the girl did not approve of any one
" of them; but said to her father, I will marry one
" who is either completely wise, or very skilful. This
" declaration was rumoured throughout all countries.
" In one city dwelt three youths, each of whom pos-
" sessed a valuable art. These three young men went
" to Cabul, and said to the merchant, If your daugh-
" ter requires a man of skill, either of us three can
" assert that character. One said, My art is this:
" whenever any thing is lost, I know where it is; and
" have also a foreknowledge of future events. The
" second said, I can make such a horse of wood, that
" whosoever mounts it, floats in the air, like the throne
" of Solomon. The third person said, I am an archer,
" and can pierce any object at which I point my
" arrow. The merchant communicated to his daugh-
" ter the several pretensions of these three youths.
" The daughter said, I will deliberate the matter in
" my own mind, and tell you to-morrow which of

" them

جواب این خواهم داد و ازین هر سه کس یکي را
قبول خواهم کرد وقت شب دختر از خانه گم شد
صبح هرچند اورا جستند نیافتند هیچ معلوم نشد
که کجا رفت تاجر پیش آن جوان که احوال گم
شدن میدانست رفت و پرسید که اي جوان
بگو تا دختر ما کجا است جوان ساعتي تامل کرده
گفت آن دخترا پري برده است و بر فلان کوه
داشته آدم بالاي آن کوه رفتن نمي تواند تاجر
دیگر جوان را گفت که تو اسپي از چوب بساز
و آن جوان تیرانداز را بده تا بروي سوار شود
و بر کوه برود و از تیر پریرا بکشد و دخترا بیارد
جوان اسپي از چوب ساخت و جوان تیرانداز بر
اسپ چوبین سوار شده بر کوه رفت و بیک
تیر پریرا کشت چون دخترا آورد هر سه جوان آن
دخترا خواستند که بگیرند و قضیه آغاز کردند
طوطي چون این سخن تا اینجا رسانید خجسته را
گفت که این حکایت با محبوب خود بگو و به پرس
که

" them I shall prefer. At night the daughter disap-
" peared from the house. In the morning all search
" was ineffectual; it could not be discovered whither
" she was gone. The merchant went to the young
" man who knew all circumstances relative to any
" thing lost, and said, Inform me where my daughter
" is? After an hour's consideration, the man replied,
" A fairy has carried your daughter to the summit
" of a mountain, inaccessible to men. The merchant
" then addressed the second youth, saying, Make you
" a wooden horse, and give it to the young archer,
" that he may mount it and ascend the mountain,
" and, after having killed the fairy with his arrow,
" bring back the girl. He made a wooden horse, the
" young archer mounted, ascended the mountain,
" and having transfixed the fairy with his shaft,
" brought away the young virgin. Each of the three
" claimed her as his right, and disputation com-
" menced."

When the parrot had brought Khojisteh to this part of the story, he said, " Carry this tale to your
" lover, and ask him to which of the three youths the

که آن دختر بکدام جوان دادن مصلحت است اگر
جواب خوب بدهد بد انکه عاقل است خجسته گفت
که اي طوطي اول تو مرا بگو که مستحق آن دختر
کیست طوطي گفت که آن شخص که پري را کشت
و دختر را آورد زیرا که دیگر جوانان هنرهاي خود
نمودند و او در جاي خوف رفت و محنت بسیار
بر خود گرفت و از جان خود نترسید

طوطي چون این حکایت تمام کرد خجسته را گفت
که زود باش و پیش محبوب خود برو خجسته بر
خاست و اراده رفتن نمود خروس آواز کرد و
صبح ظاهر شد رفتن او موقوف کردید

" young woman ought to have been given. If he
" returns you a proper answer, be satisfied in re-
" gard to his understanding." Khojisteh said, " I
" must beg you will first tell me to whom the girl
" justly belonged?" The parrot answered, " To the
" person who killed the fairy, and brought back the
" merchant's daughter: because the others merely
" exhibited their skill; whilst this repaired to the
" place of danger, and exposed himself to great diffi-
" culties, regardless of his own life."

The parrot, having finished the story, said to Khojisteh, " Be expeditious, and go to your lover." She got up, and wanted to have gone: the cock crowed, morning appeared, and her visit was deferred.

حکایت بیست سیوم برهمن که بر دختر راي بابل عاشق شده بود

چون افتاب بمغرب رفت و ماه از مشرق پدید آمد خجسته بطلب رخصت بر طوطي رفت و کفت که اي مرغ دانا و مصلحت اندیش واي دوست و فاکیش امروز اکر به بیني مرا جلد رخصت ده و کرنه صاف بکو تا صبر کنم و کوشه اختیار نمایم طوطي کفت که من هر شب ترا رخصت میدهم لیکن نمیدانم که بخت تو چه کونه است چرا یار نمي شود لازم است که امروز جلد برو و با معشوق خود ملاقات کن لیکن نصیحت من شنو که این کار چنان کن که هیچ آفت بتو نرسد بلکه فایده یابي چنانکه برهمن بر دختر راي بابل عاشق کردید هم

TALE THE TWENTY-THIRD.

Of a Brahmin falling in Love with the King of Babylon's Daughter.

WHEN the sun sunk into the west, and the moon appeared in the east, Khojisteh went to the parrot to ask leave, and said, " O thou wise bird! whose " counsels are prudent, and who acts the part of a " friend; if you think it adviseable, delay not to-day " in giving me permission: or else speak plainly, " to the end that I may be patient, and make choice " of retirement." The parrot answered, " Every " night I give you leave; but I know not what kind " of luck attends you, that it will never befriend " you. It is incumbent on you to go quickly to-day, " and have an interview with your lover: however, " give ear to my counsel, that you may act in " such a manner that no misfortune may befall " you, but advantage or prosperity; like as the brah- " min, who having fallen in love with the daughter

" of

هم معشوق و هم مال اسباب بدست او آمده و
هيچ آفت بد و نرسيد خجسته پرسيد كه حكايت او
چگونه است

طوطي آغاز كرد كه وقتي برهمني خوبصورت
و دانا از شهر و وطن خود انفكاك گزيده به شهر
بابل رفت روزي بر همن مذكور در باغي ميكرديد و
ساير بود و دختر راي بابل نيز دران باغ براي
سير و تماشاي گلها رفته بود ناكاه نظر بر همن بر
دختر مذكوره افتاد و نظر دختر هم بر برهمن افتاد
هردو عاشق گرديدند چون در خانهٔ خود رفت ديوانه
گرديد و برهمن نيز در خانهٔ خود رفته بيمار شد
القصه برهمن پيش جادوگري رفت و خدمت
او گردن گرفت جادوگر پس مدتي از بسيار
جانفشاني و خدمت او شرمنده گرديده روزي از
و پرسيد كه تو اگر از ما چيزي ميخواهي خواهم
داد و انچه در كار باشد اظهار كن و بگو برهمن
همه احوال خود با جادوگر گفت او گفت پنداشته
بودم

" of the king of Babylon, got possession not only
" of his beloved, but also of money and property,
" without suffering any misfortune." Khojisteh asked,
" What is the nature of his story?"

The parrot began: " Once on a time, a brahmin,
" who was both handsome and discreet, having
" thought proper to quit his city and native soil,
" went to the city of Babylon. One day as this
" brahmin was walking in a garden, the daughter
" of the king of Babylon came also to the same
" spot, to take an airing, and to view the display of
" flowers. The brahmin and the virgin were mu-
" tually enamoured of each other at the first glance.
" When she returned home, she became distracted;
" and the brahmin, on returning to his habitation,
" fell sick. In short, the brahmin went to a ma-
" gician, and entered into his service.—After some
" time the magician was quite confounded how to
" requite his great attention and faithful services.
" One day he said to him, Ask me for any thing
" that you desire, and I will give it; shew and
" declare what it is that you want. The brahmin
" discovered his situation to the magician, who

" said,

بودم که از من کان زر خواهي خواست و آدمي را
بادمي رسانيدن چه قدر کار است جادوکر في الفور
مهره حکمت ساخت و به برهمن داد و کفت که اکر
اين مهره را مرد در دهن دارد هر که اورا به بيند بداند
که زن است و اکر زن در دهن بدارد هر که اورا به
بيند پندارد مرد است روز ديکر جادوکر خود را
بصورت برهمن ساخت و برهمن ان مهره را در دهن
خود کرفت و مثل زن کرديده پيش راي بابل
رفت که من برهمن هستم پسري داشتم
ناکاه ديوانه کرديد و بسفر رفت اين زن اوست
اکر اين را چند روز در خانه خود جادهي تا من براي
جستن پسر خود روم راي مذکور ملتمس
برهمن را قبول نمود بلکه چيزي خرچ داد و آن
زن را نزد دختر خود فرستاد جادوکر مذکور
برهمن را ازين حکمت پيش دختر راي فرستاد و
خود هم زر خوب بدست آورد و دختر بران زن
يعني بر برهمن بسيار مهرباني نمود القصه روزي
برهمن

" said, I thought you would have asked for a
" gold mine—what mighty business is it to bring
" man and woman together? The magician im-
" mediately formed a magic ball, and giving it to
" the brahmin, said, If a man puts this ball in his
" mouth, whoever sees him will suppose him a wo-
" man; and if a female uses it in the same man-
" ner, she appears a man to all beholders. Next
" day the magician himself personated the brahmin;
" and the brahmin, putting the ball in his mouth,
" being transformed into a woman, the magician
" went to the king of Babylon, and said, I am a
" brahmin, and have a son, who having suddenly
" become insane has wandered abroad—this is his
" wife: if you will admit her into your palace for
" a few days, then I will go in search of him. The
" king granted the brahmin's request, and, more-
" over, gave him something for his expences, and
" sent the woman to his own daughter. By this
" artifice, the magician introduced the brahmin to
" the king's daughter, and himself got good money
" in hand. The princess shewed great tenderness
" to the woman, alias the brahmin. In short, one

" day

برهمن دختر راي را كفت كه روز بروز رنگ روي
تو چرا زرد ميشود د تبديل ميكردد و تو بس ضعيف
معلوم ميشوي دختر راي راز خود از برهمن پنهان
كردن خواست برهمن چستي بكار برده با و كفت
كه مي پندارم كه تو بركسي عاشق هستي بهتر است
كه اكر راز خود با من بكوئي و پوشيده نداري
البته چارهٔ كار تو خواهم نمود دختر همه احوال خود با
برهمن كفت برهمن كفت كه اكر تو اين وقت
آن برهمن را به بيني شناختن تواني دختر كفت
بلي شناختن توانم برهمن در حال مهره را از دهن
خود بيرون كرد و دختر برهمن را شناخت و يكديكر را
باهم در كنار كرفتند بعد چند روز دختر راي با
برهمن مشورت كرد كه بهتر انست كه ما و شما از
اينجا بيرون رفته بملك ديكر باشيم و مسكن
كزينيم و حسب دلخواه بكار دل پردازيم پس
هردو اين مشورت را پسند نمودند دختر راي
بسيار زر و جواهر كه تا بود وزيست آنها را بكار آيد

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" day the brahmin said to the princess, Why does
" your complexion fade in this manner, becoming
" every day more and more pale, whilst your strength
" seems exhausted? The young woman wanted to
" conceal her secret from the brahmin; but he press-
" ing her on the subject, said, I perceive you are
" in love with somebody—it will be much better
" to make me your confidante, when I will cer-
" tainly apply a remedy to the disease. The prin-
" cess related to the brahmin all the particulars of
" her case. He said, If now you were to see that
" brahmin, do you think you could recollect him?
" She replied, Yes, I should certainly know him
" again. Immediately the brahmin took the ball
" out of his mouth, and she knew him, and they
" embraced each other. After some days the young
" lady advised thus with the brahmin, It is most
" adviseable that we depart hence, and take up our
" abode in some other country, where we may fol-
" low the dictates of our inclinations. Then, hav-
" ing agreed together on this point, the king of Ba-
" bylon's daughter stole out of her father's treasury
" a great quantity of gold and jewels, sufficient to

از خزانه پدر دزدي کرد و بوقت شب بر فاقت
برهمن از خانه بيرون رفت و در يک شب و روز
ملک سرحد پدر خود طي کرد و تمام نمود و بملک
ديگر مقام معين ساخت و حسب تمناي دل بي
مزاحمت اغيار بمطلب رسيده استيعاب لذات
شهواتي نمودند و بدين عنوان بخوشي و خورمي
در ساختند راي ازين ماجرا بسيار حيرت اندوز
گرديد و هرچند سراغ و تفحص دختر نمود نيافت
چون که آنها از سرحد ملک راي بيرون رفته بودند
طوطي چون اين حکايت تمام نمود خجسته را
گفت حالا بر خيز و جانب معشوق خود برو در حال
خجسته خواست که برود خروس آواز کرد و صبح
ظاهر شد رفتن او موقوف شد

" support them as long as they should live; and, at
" night, accompanied by the brahmin, she left the
" house. In one day and night they got beyond
" the limits of her father's dominions, and fixed
" their abode in another territory, where, free of all
" restraints from others, they entered on the enjoy-
" ment of their amorous inclinations with boundless
" pleasure and delight. The king was greatly asto-
" nished at this event; but, notwithstanding his most
" diligent enquiries, could not find out his daugh-
" ter, because she had escaped beyond the bounda-
" ries of his territories."

The parrot, having finished the tale, said to Khojisteh, " Now arise, and go to your lover." She wanted to have done so, when instantly the cock crowed, and, dawn appearing, her departure was deferred.

حکایت بیست چهارم پسر راي بابل و عاشق شدن او بر دختري

حون افتاب بمغرب رفت و ماه از مشرق
بر امد خجسته بطلب اجازت بر طوطي رفت و
کفت میخواهم که هرکاه پیش محبوب بروم اول
عقل اورا آز مایم اکر اورا عاقل بینم دوستي با او
مضبوط کنم و اکر نه صبر نمایم زیرا که خرد مندان
کفته اند که بر دوستي سه کس اعتماد نباید کرد
اول دوستي زنان دوم دوستي و اخلاص طفلان
سیوم رفاقت احمقان طوطي کفت اي کد بانو هرچه
میفرمائي راست است مي باید که امشب حکایتي
با محبوب خود بکوئي و از او به پرسي و سوال
نمائي اکر جواب پسندیده دهد اورا عاقل پندار و

TALE THE TWENTY-FOURTH.

How the Son of the King of Babylon fell in love with a young woman.

WHEN the sun descended in the west, and the moon arose in the east, Khojisteh went to the parrot to ask leave, and said, " Whenever I may go to " my lover, I wish first to make trial of his under- " standing. If I discover him to be wise, I will " strengthen my friendship with him: otherwise I " will exercise patience; for the sages have said, that " in friendship three things ought not to be trusted: " first, friendship with women; secondly, having " intimacy or associating with children; and thirdly, " the company of blockheads." The parrot replied, " My mistress, whatever you say is proper: " to-night you must tell a tale to your lover, and " require of him an answer; which if he gives " properly, you may account him wise; but if he

" returns

اگر ناشایسته بداني که احمق است خجسته
پرسید که کدام حکایت است که از او پرسیده
شود

طوطي آغاز کرد که وقتي پسر راي بابل در
بتخانه رفت و آنجا دختري را دید که روي او همچو ماه
دو هفته و زلف چون شب دیجور سیاه داشت
وقد او همچو سرو و رفتار مانند تدرو و ناگاه پسر
راي برو عاشق گردید و برپاي بت آن بتخانه
سر نهاد و بعجز و الحاح گفت که اگر این دختر
با من شادي کند سر خود پیش توجد اسازم و قربان
کنم القصه پسر راي براي آن دختر پیش پدر او
پیام فرستاد و خواست پدر دختر قبول کرد و
بموجب دستور و آئین هم قومان خود دختررا با
پسر راي نکاح کرده داد القصه عاشق بمعشوق
پیوست بعد چند روز پدر دختر و دامادرا بتخانهٔ خود
طلبید پسر راي معه زن خود طرف خانه خسر خود
روانه شد و برهمني که مصاحب پسر راي بود او هم
همراه

" returns an improper answer, rest assured he is de-
" ficient in understanding." Khojisteh asked, "What
" tale is it on which I am to question him?"

The parrot began: " Once on a time, the son of
" the king of Babylon, happening to enter an idol
" temple, there beheld a young woman, the bright-
" ness of whose countenance resembled the moon,
" as did her jetty locks the darkest night.; her sta-
" ture was as erect as the cypress, and her walk
" graceful as the pheasant: he was instantly smit-
" ten with her charms; and, laying his head at the
" feet of the principal idol in the temple, in a plain-
" tive and feeble tone thus expressed himself, If
" that young woman should marry me, I will sever
" my head from my body, and sacrifice it to you.
" In short, the king's son sent a message to the girl's
" father, and asked her in marriage. Her father
" gave his consent, and the marriage was performed
" agreeably to the rites and ceremonies of their
" respective tribes. In short, the lovers were united.
" After some days, the father invited his daughter
" and son-in-law to his own house. The king's
" son, with his wife, set out for the father-in-law's
" house; and a brahmin who had been the intimate

" companion

همراه آنها شد چون پسر راي نزد آن بتخانه که
ان دختررا دیده بود رسید دران قرار داد که از
بتان آن بتخانه کرده بود بیادش آمد و بجهة
ایفاي و عده درون بتخانه مذکور تنها رفت و
سر خود تراشیده در پاي بت نهاد و بعقب
آن چون در بتخانه مذکور برهمن نیز رفت پسرراي را
کشته دید ترسید چون دانست که اگر من زنده
خواهم ماند مردمان خواهند پنداشت که من اورا
کشته باشم اینچنین اندیشه در دل خود بسیار
نمود و گفت که بهتر آن است که سر خود هم
تراشیده در پاي بت نهم پس برهمن نیز سر
خود پیش بت تراشید و در پاي آن افتاد و
بعد یک لحظه آن زن نیز درون بتخانه رفت
و هردو کس را کشته دیده متعجب شد که این چه
حادثه واقع شده زن خواست که سر خود هم از تن
جدا کند و بسوزد دران اثنا آوازي از بتخانه
برامد که اي زن سر کشتگان برتن ایشان بنه
زنده

" companion of the king's son, also accompanied
" them. When the prince approached the temple
" where he had first seen his wife, he recollected
" the vow he had made to the idol of the place. He
" went alone into the temple, in order to perform his
" vow, and, cutting off his own head, dropped it at
" the feet of the image. Afterwards, when the
" brahmin also entered the temple, he saw the
" prince lying dead, and was terrified : he thought,
" if I remain alone, people will suppose me to have
" been his murderer. When many such reflections
" had passed in his mind, he said, It will be best
" for me to cut off my own head, and leave it also
" at the feet of the idol. Then the brahmin cut
" off his own head, and dropped down at the feet
" of the image. A minute after, the wife also came
" into the temple, and seeing both persons slain,
" was astonished, not being able to account for what
" had happened. She resolved to sever her own
" head from her body, and to burn *with her husband.*
" At that interval a voice issued from the temple,
" O woman ! replace the severed heads on their re-
" spective trunks, when they will be alive again. The
" woman was so overjoyed on hearing these words,

زنده خواهند شد زن ازین آواز خوشنود شده جلد سر شوي بر تن برهمن و سر برهمن بر تن شوي نهاد در حال هردو زنده کردیدند و پیش زن ایستاده شدند باتن پسر راي و سر برهمن قضیه آغاز شد سر کفتن کرفت که این زن من است تن میکفت که این قبیلهٔ من

طوطي چون این قدر حکایت تقریر کرد با خجسته کفت که اکر عقل اورا آز مودن میخواهي از و بپرس که مستحق آن زن کیست سر شوي او یا تن شوي خجسته کفت اي طوطي اول مرا بکو که مستحق کیست طوطي کفت مستحق آن زن سر شوي اوست زیرا که سر جاي عقل است و سردار همه بدن سر است خجسته چون قصه تمام شنید بعزم رفتن پیش محبوب بر خاست در حال خروس آواز کرد و صبح ظاهر شد رفتن او موقوف کردید

" that, in her hurry, she placed her husband's head
" on the brahmin's body, and put the brahmin's
" head upon her husband's shoulders, and instantly
" they were both restored to life and stood before
" the woman. Then began a dispute between the
" prince's body and the brahmin's head, each claim-
" ing her for his wife."

When the parrot had related thus far of the story, he said to Khojisteh, " If you want to try his under-
" standing, ask him, which had a right to the wife,
" the husband's head, or the husband's body ?"—
Khojisteh requested the parrot to instruct her on this point ? The parrot replied, " The rightful
" owner of that woman is the husband's head, be-
" cause the head is the seat of wisdom, and presides
" over the body." When Khojisteh had heard the end of the story, she stood up, with intention to go to her lover : instantly the cock crowed, and dawn appearing, her departure was delayed.

حكايت بيست و پنجم زني كه جهته خريدن شكر رفته با بقال هم بستر شد

چون آفتاب غروب گرديد و ماه طلوع كرد خجسته پيش طوطي رفت و گفت مي ترسم و دردل خود بسيار شرمنده ام كه چون با معشوق خواهم پيوست او از سبب دير برمن غصه خواهد گرديد نميدانم كه آن وقت چه غدر بكنم طوطي گفت اي كدبانو هيچ فكرو انديشه مكن زيرا كه زنان بسيار غدر كردن مي توانند و نهايت حاضر جواب ميشوند غدرهاي زنان بسيار شنيده ام و پسند كرده ام اگر اندكي توقف كني حكايتي مختصر كه زني با شوهر خود چه غدر نيكو نموده عياري بكار برده بود باتو بگويم خجسته پرسيد كه آن حكايت چگونه است

TALE THE TWENTY-FIFTH.

Of a Woman, who, having gone to buy Sugar, had an Amour with a Grocer.

WHEN the sun was set, and the moon got up, Khojisteh went to the parrot, and said, " I am fear-
" ful, and in my own mind greatly confounded, lest
" when I join my lover, he may be angry with me
" because of the delay. I know not what artifice
" to practise on that occasion." The parrot said,
" My mistress, it requires no thought or considera-
" tion ; for women are able to devise many artifices,
" and are exceedingly prompt at repartee. I have
" seen and approved many women's tricks. If you
" will wait a little, I will tell you a short story of
" an excellent trick which a woman played her hus-
" band, and carried her point with her gallant."—
Khojisteh asked, " What kind of story is that ?"

The

طوطي گفت که وقتي مردي بزن خود چند فلوس
داد زنش براي خريدن شکر ببازار رفت و
در دوکان بقالي آمد بقال چون زن را ديد بر
او مايل شد زن يک آثار شکر خريد و در گوشهٔ
چادر خود بست بقال با او سخنان مطايبه گفتن
گرفت زن راضي شد القصه بقال اورا درون
خانهٔ خود برد و او چادر خود را بر دوکان بقال گذاشته
نايب بقال شکر از چادر زن گرفت و همان قدر
ريگ در گوشهٔ چادر او بست زن چون از اندرون
بر آمد چادر بر داشته بخانه خود روان شد چون
نزد شوي رسد شوي چادر کشاده ديد که ريگ
است بازن گفت که اين چه خنده است که با من
ميکني براي شکر فرستاده بودم ريگ براي من
آوردهٔ زن بي تامل گفت که هرگاه از خانه بيرون
رفتم گاوي پس من دويد ازان سبب گريختم و بر
زمين افتادم فلوس از دست من افتاد در انجا
جستن مرا از مردمان شرم آمد ازين باعث ريگ
آن

The parrot said: " Once on a time a man gave
" some feloose * to his wife, who went to a grocer's
" shop in the market to buy sugar. As soon as the
" grocer saw the woman, he had an inclination for
" her. The woman bought a seer † of sugar, and
" tied it in a corner of her veil. The grocer plied
" the woman with pleasant discourse, and she yielded
" to his desires. In short the grocer conducted her
" into his own house, and she left her veil in the
" shop. The grocer's shopman took the sugar out
" of her veil, and, substituting an equal quantity of
" sand, tied it up in the corner of the veil. When
" the woman came out again, she took up her veil
" and returned home. When she came to her hus-
" band, he untied the veil, and seeing it contain sand,
" he said to her, Why, wife, what pleasantry is this
" you are using with me? I sent you for sugar, and
" you have brought me sand. The wife, without
" any hesitation, said, As soon as I got out of the
" house an ox ran at me, upon which I took to
" flight, and tumbled down on the ground; the
" money fell out of my hand, and as I was ashamed
" to look for it before the men who were present, I
" took

* Pieces of copper coin. † About two lbs.

آن زمین برداشته آورده‌ام فلوس درین ریگ خواهد بود مرد سرو ردي او بوسید و گفت اگر فلوس کم شده هیچ مضایقه نیست چرا ریگ بسته آوردي القصه زن چنان بي تامل شوي را جواب داد که شوهرش براو غصه نشد بلکه رحم نمود

چون طوطي این حکایت تمام کرد خجسته را گفت که حالا پیش محبوب خود برو مبادا اگر بر تو غصه شود البته آنوقت ترا جواب خوب یاد خواهد آمد خجسته را از سخنان طوطي تسلي شد چون پاپوش در پا کرد و خواست که بر خیزد بهاندم خروس آواز کرد و صبح ظاهر شد رفتن او موقوف گردید

" took up the sand from the spot, and have brought
" it here: the money must be amongst this sand.
" The husband kissed her from head to foot, and
" said, The money, being lost, is of no consequence;
" but why did you trouble yourself to bring a
" quantity of sand? In short, the wife answering in
" this manner without hesitation, the husband was
" not angry, but even pitied her."

The parrot, having finished this story, said to Khojisteh, " Arise, go to your lover; and if per-
" chance he should be angry with you, certainly
" you will at the time think of some good excuse." Khojisteh was comforted by the words of the parrot. When she put her shoes on her feet, and wanted to have got up, the cock crowed, dawn appeared, and her departure was deferred.

حکایت بیست و ششم دختر تاجر و قبول نکردن پادشاه اورا

چون آفتاب غروب شد و ماه طلوع کرد خجسته شرمنده صورت بر طوطي رفت و گفت اي محرم راز من خردمندان گفته اند که زني بي شرم از همه زنان بدتر است حالا میخواهم که نزد مرد بیگانه نروم و در خانهٔ خود بنشینم و صبر کنم طوطي گفت اي کدبانو هرچه میفرمائي راست است لیکن مي ترسم که اکر صبر کني حال تو چون پادشاه زوال خواهد کردید خجسته پرسید که حکایت او چکونه است

طوطي آغاز کرد که در شهري بازرکاني بسیار مال

TALE THE TWENTY-SIXTH.

The Merchant's Daughter, whom the King rejected.

WHEN the sun was set, and the moon risen, Khojisteh, with a downcast countenance, went to the parrot, and said, " O thou possessor of my " secret! the sages have said, that a woman with- " out shame is the worst of women:—Now I " wish to avoid going to a strange man, and to sit " at home patiently." The parrot answered, " My " mistress, whatever you say is right; but I fear " that if you restrain yourself, your constitution " will decline, like the king's." Khojisteh asked, " What kind of story is his?"

The parrot began: " In a certain city was a " merchant, who had plenty of money and effects,

" and

مال و اشیا و اسپ و فیل پیش خود میداشت
اورا دختری بود نهایت خوب رو و آوازهٔ حسن
او در ملکها و شهرها رفته هرچند بازرگان و تاجر ان
آنملک با دختری تاجر شادي کردن خواستند
لیکن بازرگان قبول نکرد وقتیکه دختر مذکوره
لایق شادي شد روزي بازرگان خطی بپادشاه
آن ملک نوشته فرستاد بدین مضمون که من
دختری دارم همچو ماه صورت دارد و رفتار همچو
تدرو و کهسار و گفتار چون بلبل هزار داستان
جانوران پرنده بذوق شنیدن سخنها از هوا
مي درایند و مست و بیهوش میشوند امید
که اگر پادشاه قبول فرمایند لایق حضرت است
و قدر من زیاده گردد پادشاه چون خط او خواند
بسیار خورم و خورسند گردید و با خود گفت
که هرکه بخت نیکو میدارد هر چیز از خود پیش
او مي رسد پادشاه چهار وزیر داشت هر چهاررا
فرمود که بخانه بازرگان بروید و دختر اورا به بینید
اگر

" and kept horses and elephants. He had a very
" handsome daughter, the fame of whose beauty
" reached distant countries and cities. Merchants
" and traders of that country wanted to marry
" the merchant's daughter; but the father would
" not accept of their proposals. When the young
" woman became marriageable, one day the mer-
" chant wrote and sent a letter to the king, couched
" in the following terms:—'I have a daughter, the
" beauty of whose countenance resembles the moon,
" her walk is graceful as the mountain pheasant,
" and her voice may compare with the nightingale
" with a thousand notes; from the desire of hearing
" her discourse, the birds are arrested in their flight,
" and become intoxicated and senseless. I flatter
" myself, that if your Majesty sees good, she is
" worthy of your choice, and may be the means of
" increasing my own rank in life.' On the receipt
" of this letter, the king was greatly delighted,
" and said, Every thing comes of itself, to him who
" is fortunate. The king had four viziers, to all
" of whom he said, Go you to the merchant's house,

" take

اکر لایق من باشد در حال بیارید وزیران در
خانهٔ بازرکان رفتند و چون روي دختر اورا دیدند
بیهوش کردیدند و با یکدیکر مشورت کردند و
کفتند که اکر پادشاه چنین زن خوبصورت را
خواهد دید دیوانه خواهد کردید و شب و روز نزد او
خواهد ماند بکار ملک توجه نخواهد کرد و همه امورات
تباه خواهد شد پس هر چهار وزیر پیش پادشاه
رفتند و عرض کردند که آن دختر حسن خوب ندارد
همچو او در خانهٔ والا بسیار هستند پادشاه کفت
که اکر این چنین است چنانکه شما میکوئید
پس اورا نمیخواهم القصه پادشاه دختر تاجررا
بزني خور نخواست تاجر مایوس شد و دختررا
با کوتوال آنشهر شادي کرده داد روزي آن دختر
با خود کفت که من چنین خوبرو هستم عجب
است که پادشاه مرا قبول نکرد روزي خود را
بپادشاه خواهم نمود القصه یکروز پادشاه طرف
خانه کوتوال میرفت آن زن بر بالا خانه ایستاده

" take a view of his daughter, and if she is worthy
" of my choice, bring her immediately. The viziers
" entered the merchant's house, and, on beholding
" the daughter's face, were deprived of their senses.
" They consulted together, and said, If the king
" should see a woman with so beautiful a counte-
" nance, he would lose his reason, and, remaining
" with her night and day, will pay no attention to
" the duties of royalty, so that all public affairs will
" go to ruin. Then the four viziers returned to
" the king, and thus reported: This virgin is not
" remarkably handsome: in the royal palace are
" many that have equal pretensions to beauty. The
" king said, If it is as you represent, then I will
" not marry her. In short, the king did not ask
" the merchant's daughter in marriage. The mer-
" chant, in despair, married his daughter to the
" cutwal of that city. One day the young woman
" said to herself, It is extraordinary that the king
" rejected me, who am so beautiful; some time or
" other I will shew myself to him. In short, one
" day, as the king was passing by the cutwal's ha-

" bitation.

شد و خودرا بپادشاه نمود پادشاه چون اورا
دید عاشق شد و وزیران را طلب کرد و کفت
که چرا فلان سخن با من دروغ کفتید آنها عرض
کردند که مایان میان خودها مشورت کرده‌ایم که اکر
پادشاه این زن را خواهد دید از کار ملک
غافل خواهد شد پادشاه عذر وزیران را پسندید
و از عشق آن زن بیمار شد ارکان ددلت
پادشاه را مصلحت دادند که آن زن را از کوتوال
بخواهید اکر بخوشي ندهد بزور بکیرید پادشاه کفت
که من پادشاه اینملک هستم زینهار این چنین
نخواهم کرد زیرا که این کار از انصاف دور است
پادشاهانرا نباید که این چنین ظلم بر رعایا و
نوکران بکنند القصه پادشاه بعد چند روز در غم
ان زن بیمار و حقیر کردید و ازان غم جان داد
و مرد

طوطي چون اینحکایت تمام کرد خجسته را
کفت که ترا مصلحت نیست که صبر کني بر خیز
و

" bitation, the woman was standing on the roof of
" the house, and shewed herself to the king, who,
" as soon as he saw her, fell in love; and, having
" sent for the viziers, said to them, Why did you
" tell me such false words? They answered, We
" unanimously agreed, that, if your Majesty were to
" see this woman, you would neglect the affairs of
" your kingdom. The king approved of the viziers'
" excuse, and his love for the woman affected his
" health. The ministers of state recommended, that
" the king should demand the woman of the cut-
" wal; and if he did not resign her willingly, that
" she should be taken from him by force. The
" king said: I am the prince of this kingdom; be
" careful how you advise: I will not be guilty of
" an action so very repugnant to justice; it does
" not become monarchs to behave with such ty-
" ranny towards their subjects and servants. In
" short, after a few days, the king was seized with
" melancholy on account of this woman; he became
" emaciated, and, at length, died of grief."

The parrot having finished this story, said to Khojisteh, " It is not adviseable for you to restrain your

 " passion;

و با معشوق خود ملاقاف کن و اکر نه حال ترا
چون شاه زوال خواهد شد خجسته خواست که
برود در حال خروس آواز کرد و صبح طاهر شد
رفتن او موقوف کردید

" passion; arise, and have an interview with your
" lover, or else you, like the king, will suffer in
" your health." Khojisteh wanted to have gone;
instantly the cock crowed, and dawn appearing, her
departure was deferred.

حکایت بیست و هفتم یک کلال و نوکر شدن او پیش بادشاهي و نمودن شاه سالار فوج اورا

چون خورشید سمت مغرب رفت خجسته با چشم پر اشک و دل پر از درد بر طوطي رفت و کفت که اعرابي پیش تونکري رفت و کفت که من بمکه خواهم رفت تونکر فرمود که برو او کفت که زاد ندارم تونکر کفت که تو اکر زاد نداري بمکه رفتن روا نیست زیرا که خدا مفلس را بمکه رفتن نفرموده است اعرابي کفت که من پیش شما براي خواستن چیزي زر آمده‌ام نه براي پرسیدن فتوي اي طوطي من هرشب پیش تومي آیم و توکلمات و حکایت با من تقریر میکني صرف بطلب

TALE THE TWENTY-SEVENTH.

The Potter, who is taken into the service of a King, and made General of his Army.

WHEN the sun went to the western quarter, Khojisteh, with her eyes full of tears, and an aching heart, went to the parrot and said, " When an Arab went
" to a rich man, and said, ' I will go to Mecca ;' the
" rich man answered, ' Go.' He said, ' I have not the
" means.' The rich man replied, ' If you have not
" money, it is not proper for you to go thither; for
" God has not commanded those who are poor to
" go to Mecca.' The Arab returned, ' I come to you
" in hopes of obtaining some money, and not to
" consult you on a point of law.'—Thus do you re-
" count to me maxims and fables, when I come merely
" to ask permission to visit my lover, not to hear
" advice and listen to stories." The parrot said,

" Be

بطلب رخصت مي آيم نه براي شنيدن نصيحت
و حكايت طوطي گفت كه از سخن نصيحت من
دلتنگ مشو زيرا كه در هردو جهان سخنان نصيحت
ناصحان بكارمي آيد خجسته گفت كه اي طوطي هر
نصيحت كه مرا ميگوئي مي شنوم امشب كه
تاريك است تنها رفتن مي ترسم و ميخواهم
كه غلام خود را همراه خود به برم

طوطي گفت كه غلام كمينه است لايق همراه
بردن نيست زيرا كه خردمندان گفته اند كه بر
قوم كمينه اعتماد نبايد كرد حكايت آن كلال
نشنيدهٔ خجسته پرسيد كه آن حكايت چگونه است

طوطي گفت كه روزي كلالي مي بسيار نوشده
ومست شده بر لوزه و قرابهاي سفالينهٔ مي افتاد
و روي و اندام او مجروح گرديد بعد از مدت آن
زخمها روبه بهي آورد ليكن زخمهاي كه بر بدن شده
بود نشانهاي او چنان مفهوم و معلوم ميشد كه زخم
شمشير است يا تير اتفاقاً قحط در شهر كلال افتاد
ازان

" Be not uneasy at my words and exhortations, since
" the advice of a friendly monitor is serviceable for
" this world as well as for the next." Khojisteh rejoined, " O parrot! I listen to every advice that you
" give me; to-night, being dark, I am afraid to go
" alone, and want to take my own slave along with
" me." The parrot said, " A slave is a menial servant, not fit to accompany you; for the sages have
" said, that no reliance ought to be placed on those
" of low degree. Have not you heard the story of
" the potter?" Khojisteh asked, " What kind of
" story is this?"

The parrot said: " One day a potter, having drank
" a quantity of liquor, was intoxicated, and, falling
" over the pots and pans, cut his face and body.—
" The cuts on his face were cured in a short time,
" but the wounds in his body left such marks that
" they resembled the scars of a sword or an arrow.
" A famine happening in the potter's town, he was
" obliged to go to another place in quest of service.
" The king of that country seeing such kind of scars
" on the potter's body, he thought this must be some
" valiant man to have put himself in the way of receiving such wounds: thereupon the king engaged

" him.

ازان سبب کلال بسفر رفت و نوکري خواست
و بشهر دیگر رسید چون پادشاه آن ملک
بدان قسم زخمها بر بدن کلال بدید پنداشت که
این مرد بسیار شجاع است ازین باعث چنین
زخمها بر خود گرفته است پس پادشاه اورا
نوکرداشت و مرتبه او زیاده فرمود بعد چند روز پادشاه‌را
مهمي پیش آمد پادشاه آن کلال را سردار فوج
خود ساخت و خواست که اورا براي جنگ دشمن
بفریسد کلال ترسید و بیمار گردید و از پادشاه عرض
کرد که من کلال هستم از من انجام کار جنگ
نخواهد شد پادشاه بسیار خندید و در دل خود
شرمنده شد و دران مهم دیگریرا فرستاد

طوطي چون این حکایت تمام کرد خجسته را
گفت که غلام را همراه مبر بلکه تنها برو زیرا که از
کمینه قوم هیچ کار خوب نشود و خجسته خواست
که تنها برود در حال خروس آواز کرد و صبح ظاهر
شد رفتن او موقوف گردید

" him, and exalted him to high rank. A few days
" after, the king was engaged in a war, and made
" the potter commander of his forces, and designed
" to send him to oppose the enemy. The potter,
" being terrified, fell sick, and said to the king, I
" am a potter, and shall never be able to perform
" military duty. The king laughed very heartily, but
" within himself was ashamed, and he sent another
" person to conduct the war."

The parrot, having finished the tale, said to Khojisteh, " Don't take a slave along with you, but go
" alone, for no good actions can proceed from mean
" persons." Khojisteh wanted to have gone unattended; instantly the cock crowed, and dawn appearing, her departure was deferred.

حکایت بیست و هشتم شیر و بچگان او و پرورش کردن او بچه شغال را

چون خورشید سمت مغرب رفت خجسته لباس مردانه پوشیده بطلب اجازت بر طوطي رفت طوطي چون خجسته را لباس مردانه دید بسیار خندید و با او گفتن گرفت که امشب تاریک است خوب کردي که لباس مردانه پوشیدهٔ و تنها آمدهٔ و غلام را همراه نه آوردي امروز یك طوطي دوست قدیم من مي پرید و چون مرا در قفس دید نزد من آمد حکایتي از و شنیدم همچو آن حکایت که دي شب باتو تقریر کردم خجسته پرسید چگونه است

طوطي گفتن گرفت که وقتي در بیاباني شیري با

TALE THE TWENTY-EIGHTH.

The Lion and his Whelps, and how he fostered a young Jackal.

WHEN the sun went to the western quarter, Khojisteh, arrayed in man's apparel, repaired to the parrot, to ask leave. The parrot laughed heartily at seeing Khojisteh dressed in man's clothes, and said to her, "As this is a dark night, you have done well in putting on man's clothes, and coming alone, instead "of bringing the slave along with you. To-day, as "a parrot, an old friend of mine, was flying, seeing "me in the cage, he approached me, and from him "I heard a tale similar to that I related to you last "night." Khojisteh asked, "What is the nature "of it?"

The parrot began: "Once on a time, a lion dwelt "in a desert along with his female and two whelps.

با ماده و دو بچهٔ خود میماند روزي شیر در اطراف
وادي و جنگل براي شکار میگردید هرچند تلاش
نمود و محنت بسیار کشید هیچ شکار نیافت
چون طرف خانهٔ خود مراجعت نمود بچهٔ شغال
چند روزه در راه افتاده دید آنرا بر گرفت و پیش
مادهٔ خود آورد و گفت امروز همین شکار یافته ام
دل من این را خوردن نمیخواهد و من یکد و روز
گرسنه مي توانم ماند لیکن تو نمي تواني حالا این را
تناول کن ماده گفت تو نر هستي و سخت دل و بی
رحم تاهم اورا نمیخوري من که ماده ام و دو بچه
میدارم و نرم دل هستم این را چگونه خورم لیکن
اگر فرمائي این یتیم را پرورش کنم و این بي
مادر را همچو مادران بدارم شیر گفت نیکو است
بعد یک دو ماه بچگان شیر و بچه شغال هر سه
اندک بزرگ و کلان شدند شیر بچگان بچهٔ
شغال را برادر بزرگ خود مي پنداشتند و همچو
برادران باهم بازي میکردند روزي هر سه بچگان
بشکار

" One day he roamed about the woods and thickets in
" quest of game; but, notwithstanding all his search
" and labour, not being able to find any thing, was
" returning towards his own den, when he saw, lying
" on the ground, a jackal cub only a few days old:
" he took it up, and brought it to the lioness, saying
" to her, This is all the game I have picked up to-
" day; I cannot find in my heart to eat it: I can
" fast one or two days, but you are not able to do
" so; therefore eat this. The lioness answered,
" You are a male, whose heart is hard and void of
" compassion, yet will not eat it; how then can I,
" who am a female with two young ones, and have
" a tender heart, devour it? Nay, if you command
" me, I will nourish this orphan, and supply the place
" of its mother. The lion replied, It is well. A
" month or two after this, the lion's whelps and the
" young jackal, all three were increased in size. The
" lion's whelps imagined the young jackal was their
" brother, and they played together as such. One
" day these three young ones went to hunt together,
" and

بشکار رفتند و پیلي را دیدند بچکان شیر طرف
پیل دویدند و بچۀ شغان از انجا گریخت وزیر
درختي پنهان شد شیر بچکان چون برادر بزرک را
گریزان دیدند آنهاهم گریختند بعد یک ساعت همه
بچکان بخانه آمدند احوال خودها با مادر گفتند مادر
گفت که او بچۀ شغال است بها در چگونه شود و
کار جنک چه داند

طوطي چون این حکایت تمام کرد خجسته را
گفت حالا بر خیز و پیش محبوب خود برو خجسته
خواست که برود در حال خروس آواز کرد و صبح
ظاهر شد رفتن او موقوف گردید

" and saw an elephant. The young jackal fled from
" the place, and hid himself under a tree. The lion
" whelps, on seeing their elder brother run away,
" fled also. An hour after, all the young ones came
" home together, and told their adventure to the
" lioness; who then observed, He is the cub of a
" jackal! how should he be valiant? and what does
" he know of war?"

The parrot having finished this story, said to Khojisteh, " Stand up now, and go to your lover." Khojisteh wanted to have gone: immediately the cock crowed, and dawn appearing, her departure was deferred.

حکایت بیست و نهم یک امیر و پنهان داشتن مار در آستین خود

چون خورشید سمت مغرب رفت و ماه از افق مشرق بر آمد خجسته پر از اشک چشم بر طوطي رفت و گفت که از آتش عشق دل من کباب شده است امشب بهر صورت بر محبوب خواهم رفت طوطي چون خجسته را دید که امشب او براي رفتن بسیار اضطراب دارد ترسید و با خود اندیشید و گفت که اي کد بانو من از خدا میخواهم که تو جلد بمعشوق خود برسي و هر شب ترا رخصت میدهم لیکن تو خود توقف میکني و رفتن نمیتواني نمیدانم که بخت تو چگونه است حالا بر خیز و جانب معشوق خود برو لیکن باید که بر دشمن

اعتماد

TALE THE TWENTY-NINTH.

The Nobleman who concealed a Snake in his Sleeve.

WHEN the sun went to the western quarter, and the moon appeared above the eastern horizon, Khojisteh, whose eyes were full of tears, repaired to the parrot, and said, " My heart is consumed with the " fire of love; to-night, by all means, I will go to " my sweetheart." When the parrot saw that Khojisteh was particularly anxious this night to go to her lover, he was alarmed, and, after considering with himself, said, " My mistress, I wish to God to send " you quickly to your lover, and every night I give " you leave: but you yourself create delay, and are " not able to go; I know not what has befallen you. " Now arise and go to your lover; but place no con- " fidence in an enemy, otherwise you must meet

 " with

اعتماد نکني و گرنه همان خواهي ديد که اميري از
مار ديد خجسته پرسيد که آن حکايت چگونه است

طوطي آغاز کرد که روزي اميري بشکار رفت
ناگاه ماري ترسان پيش او رسيد و گفت اي
امير مرا جاي ده که پنهان شوم امير گفت چرا ترسان
هستي گفت که دشمن براي کشتن من چوبي گرفته
دنبال من مي ايد امير بر مار رحم نمود و در استين
خود او را جاي داد مار در استين امير پنهان شد
بعد يک لحظه مردي با چوب انجا رسيد و گفت که
ماري سياه از پيش من گريخته آمده اينجا کسي
اورا ديده است امير گفت نه آن مرد چپ و
راست نظر کرد ماررا نديد راه خود پيش گرفت
امير گفت اي مار دشمن تو رفت اکنون تو نيز
راه خود پيش گير مار گفت که ترا خواهم گزيد و
خواهم کشت بعد ان خواهم رفت نمداني که من
دشمن توام تو سخت احمق هستي که بر من
اعتماد کردي و رحم نمودهٔ مرا باستين خود جا
دادي

" with the same return as the nobleman experienced
" from the snake." Khojisteh asked, " What is the
" nature of the story ?"

The parrot began: " One day, as a nobleman was
" hunting, a frightened snake came to him, and said,
" O my lord, allow me to conceal myself in some
" place! The nobleman asked, Why are you afraid?
" He said, An enemy with a stick is pursuing me
" to kill me. The nobleman pitied the snake, and
" admitted him into his own sleeve, where he lay
" concealed. An instant after, a person with a stick
" came to the spot, and said, A black snake escaped
" from me and ran this way—has any body seen it?
" The nobleman answered, No. The man with
" the stick in his hand looked about, but, not seeing
" the snake, went his way. The nobleman said to
" the snake, Your enemy is departed; do you also
" go your own way. The snake answered, I will
" bite and kill you, after which I will go: know
" you not that I am your enemy? You are an
" egregious blockhead to have had reliance on me,
" and out of compassion to have admitted me into
" your sleeve. The nobleman said to the snake, I

" have

دادي امير كفت اي مار با تو نيكي كرده‌ام چرا با
من بدي كردن ميخواهي مار كفت كه خرد مندان
كفته اند كه باهر كس نيكي كردن خوب نيست
امير در دل خود ترسيد و پشيمان كرديد و در دل
خود انديشيد كه الحال چكونه از دست او جان
بر شوم و اين را از آستين بيرون كنم چستي
بكار برد و مار را كفت اي مارماري ديكر مي آيد
من و تو اين سخن را پيش اين مار اظهار كنم
اكر اين سخن تو پسند كند پس هرچه خواهي با من
بكن مار چون روي خود كردانيد و بطرف مار ديكر ديد
في الحال امير قابو يافته سنكي بر سر مار زد و آنرا
كشت

خجسته چون اين حكايت تمام شنيد طوطي را
كفت كه نصيحت تو قبول كردم و حكايت تو
شنيدم حالا يك سخن من بشنو تو مرا
بخوشي خود رخصت كن طوطي كفت بر خيز و
توقف مكن و بمعشوق خود برس كه خوشي
من

" have done good to you; why want you to render
" me evil? The snake replied, The sages have said,
" It is not right to do good to every person. The
" nobleman in his own mind was frightened, and re-
" pented of what he had done, and thought to him-
" self, By what means can I deliver my life from his
" designs, and get him out of my sleeve? He was
" prompt in the business, and said to the snake, Here
" comes another of your species; lay our matter before
" him, and if he approves of your sentiments, then
" treat me as you please. Hereupon the snake
" turned his head in order to look at the other,
" when the nobleman seizing the opportunity, struck
" a stone against the snake's head, and killed it."

When Khojisteh had heard the story to the end, she said to the parrot, " I approve of your exhorta-
" tion, and have listened to your tale; now hear one
" word of mine—Be pleased to give me leave."—
The parrot said, " Arise, and delay not, and go to

" your

من همین است خجسته بر خاست و روانه شد که
خروس آواز کرد خجسته خروس را دشنام کویان
باز نزد طوطي آمد و کفت حالا صبح ظاهر شد
وقت رفتن نیست القصه آن شب هم رفتن او
موقوف کردید

"your lover, for that is my wish." Khojisteh stood up, and set out. The cock crowed: Khojisteh abused the cock, and coming again to the parrot, said—"Now that day has appeared, it is not a time for "me to go." In short, this night also her departure was deferred.

حکایت سیم یک سپاهي و زرکر و کشته شدن زرکر جهة مال

چون خورشید بسمت مغرب رفت و شام کردید و ستاره برآمد خجسته قدري میوه بخورد و موي را شانه کرد و سرمه در چشم کشیده پوشاک خوب پوشیده از زر و زیور کوش و کردن آراسته بطلب اجازت پیش طوطي رفت و کفت اي محرم راز اشارت کن تا بروم طوطي کفت که یک نصیحت من یاد دار که با کسي راز خود مکو و کرنه راز تو فاش خواهد شد چنانکه راز زرکري فاش شد خجسته پرسید حکایت او چکونه است

طوطي آغاز کرد که در شهري زر کري بود مالدار یک

TALE THE THIRTIETH.

The Soldier and the Goldsmith, the latter of whom lost his Life from the Love of Money.

WHEN the sun sunk into the western quarter, and it was evening, the stars appeared, Khojisteh ate some fruit; she combed her hair, and having applied collyrium to her eyes, put on fine apparel, and bedecked her ears and neck with gold and jewels, and then went to the parrot to ask leave, saying, "O thou "possessor of my secret, make a sign for me to go!" The parrot said, "Keep in remembrance a maxim "of mine—Not to tell one's secret to any one, "otherwise it will be discovered; just as the gold-"smith's secret was found out." Khojisteh asked, "What is his story?"

The parrot began: "In a certain city was a "wealthy goldsmith. A soldier thought him his

یک سپاهي اورا دوست خود مي پنداشت و
بدوستي او اعتماد داشت روزي سپاهي مذکور
در راه کیسهٔ پراز زر یافت و اورا کشاد و شمرد
دو صد و پنجاه اشرفي بود سپاهي مع اشرفي
پیش زرگر شادان رفت و گفت بخت نیکو
دارم که بي محنت این قدر زر در راه یافتم
پس آن همه زر بزرگر سپرد بعد چند روز سپاهي
زر خود خواست زرگر گفت دروغ میگوئي مرا
کي حواله کردي ترا دوست خود دانستم و نمیدانستم
که این چنین دشمن هستي میخواهي که بدروغ
زر از من بیگیري سپاهي لاچار شده نزد قاضي
رفت و احوال خود ظاهر کرد قاضي پرسید کسي
گواه داري گفت نه قاضي با دل خود گفت که قوم
زرگران بسیار بي ایمان و دزد میشود هیچ عجب
نیست که او دزدیده باشد القصه قاضي زرگر
و زن زرگررا طلبید و هرچند پرسید آنها اقرار
نکردند قاضي اورا گفت که من خوب مدانم که
زر

" friend, and believed him sincerely attached to his
" interest. One day the soldier found on the road
" a purse full of money, and having opened it,
" counted two hundred and fifty gold mohurs. The
" soldier carried the mohurs to the goldsmith, and
" rejoicing, said, I am very fortunate that, without
" labour, I have found this sum of money on the
" highway. He then gave all the money in charge
" to the goldsmith. Some days after, the soldier
" wanted his own money. The goldsmith said, You
" tell a falsehood; when did you entrust your mo-
" ney to me? I imagined you my friend, not know-
" ing you to be such an enemy; you want to get
" money by fraud. The soldier, having no alterna-
" tive, went to the Cazy; who asked him, Have you
" any person as a witness? He answered, No. The
" Cazy thought to himself, Goldsmiths are a faith-
" less set of people, and thieves, so that it is not at
" all improbable but he may have stolen the money.
" In short, the Cazy sent for the goldsmith and his
" wife; but to all his interrogations they would not
" confess. The Cazy said to them, I know very well
" that

زر او کرفتهٔ اکر نمیدهي ترا بجهنم خواهم فرستاد
پس قاضي درون خانه رفت و در صند وقي دو
شخص را نشاند و آن صندوق را در یک حجره
نهاد بعد ازان بیرون آمد و باز زر کررا کفت که اکر زر
او دادن قبول نمیکني فردا ترا خواهم کشت پس
اورا بازن او دران حجره بند فرمود زن وقت نیم
شب زر کررا کفت که تو اکر زر او کرفتهٔ مرا بلو
که کجا نهادهٔ زرکر کفت در فلان جاي زیر زمین
نهاده ام القصه چون شب کذشت و آفتاب بر امد
قاضي زرکر و زن اورا طلبید و رو بروي او ازان دو
شخص که در صندوق بودند پرسید که زرکر بازن
خود بشب چه کفت آنها هرچه شنیده بودند با
قاضي کفتند قاضي مردمان خود را بخانه زرکر فرستاد
و انجاي که کیسه زر نهاده بود نشان داد چون
زمین را کندیدند کیسه زر یافتند و پیش قاضي
بردند قاضي آن کیسه زر را بسپاهي داد و زکررا
بردار کشید

طوطي

" that you have taken the money; if you do not
" restore it, I will send you to hell. Then the Cazy
" entered the house, and concealed two persons in
" a chest placed in one of the chambers. After so
" doing, he came out, and again said to the gold-
" smith, If you do not consent to restore his money,
" to-morrow I will put you to death. He then gave
" orders that the goldsmith and his wife should be
" shut up together in that chamber. At midnight
" the woman said to the goldsmith, If you did take
" this money, tell me where you have put it? The
" goldsmith said, In such a place, I put it into the
" ground. In short, when the night was ended, and
" the sun rose, the Cazy sent for the goldsmith and
" his wife, and, confronting them with the two per-
" sons who had been in the chest, asked the latter
" what conversation the goldsmith had with his wife
" the preceding night? They related to the Cazy
" whatever they had heard. The Cazy sent his own
" men to the goldsmith's house, and described the
" spot where the purse of money had been put, and
" on digging up the ground they found it and brought
" it to the Cazy. He restored the purse to the sol-
" dier, and hanged the goldsmith on a gibbet."

The

طوطي چون اين حكايت تمام كرد خجسته را
كفت كه اكر زركر با زن خود راز نميكفت فاش
نمي شد حالا برخيز و پيش معشوق برو خجسته
خواست كه برود در حال خروس آواز كرد و صبح
نمود شد رفتن او موقوف كرديد

The parrot having finished this story, said to Khojisteh, " If the goldsmith had not told the secret to " his own wife, it would not have been discovered. " Now arise and go to your lover." Khojisteh stood up ; instantly the cock crowed, and the dawn appearing, her departure was deferred.

حکایت سي و یکم یک تاجر و زدن حجام برهمنان را

چون خورشد سمت مغرب رفت و ماه طلوع
کرد و ستارکان بر آمدند خجسته پارچهٔ زر بفت
پوشید و کوش و کردن از زر و زیود آراست
و بطلب اجازت بر طوطي رفت و کفت میخواهم
که وقت نیم شب پیش محبوب بروم اینوقت
حکایت مختصر بکو

طوطي کفت که در شهري بازرکاني بود مالدار
فرزندي نداشت روزي با خود کفت که من در
جهان مال بسیار جمع کرده‌ام اما فرزندي ندارم
که بعد مردن من دولت بکیرد مصلحت آنست
که همه مال خود بدرویشان و مفلسان و یتیمان دهم
القصه

TALE THE THIRTY-FIRST.

Of the Merchant, and the Barber's beating the Brahmins.

WHEN the sun went into the western side, and the moon got up, and the stars appeared, Khojisteh having put on apparel of gold brocade, ornamented her ears and neck with gold and jewels, and went to the parrot to ask leave, saying, " I want to go to " my lover at midnight; now tell a short story."

The parrot said: " In a certain city was an opu-" lent merchant, who had not any child. One day he said to himself, I have amassed a great quantity " of riches in this world, but have not any child to " possess my wealth at my decease; it is adviseable " for me to dispose of all my property amongst der-" veishes, the poor, and orphans. In short, he gave

القصه همه مال خيرات كرد همان شب شخصي را
بخواب ديد پرسيد كيستي گفت كه من صورت
اصل بخت توام چون امروز همه مال خود بدرويشان
دادي و هيچ براي خود نداشتي من فردا بصورت
برهمن پيش تو خواهم امد آنوقت چند بار چوب
برسر من خواهي زد بر زمين خواهم افتاد و زر خواهم
شد هر عضوي كه بخواهي تراشي درحال عضوي
ديگر آنجا درست خواهد شد روز ديگر حجامي
در ريش بازرگان حجامت ميكرد آنوقت برهمن
رسيد بازرگان بر خاست و چند بار چوب برسر
برهمن زد او بر زمين افتاد و زر گرديد بازرگان
حجام را چند روپيه داد و گفت اين باكسي مگو
حجام پنداشت كه هر كه برهمن را چوب ميزند برهمن
زر ميگردد حجام در خانه خود رفت و چند برهمن را
بخانهٔ خود طلبيد و ضيافت كرد بعد ان چوبي
گران بر گرفت و برسر برهمنان چنان زد كه سرهاي
آنهاي شكست و خون روان شد برهمنان شور و
فرياد

" away all his property in charity. That very night,
" in a dream, he saw a person, to whom he said,
" Who art thou? The vision answered, I am the
" archetype of your destiny: Forasmuch as you have
" this day disposed of all your riches amongst the
" poor without having reserved any part to yourself,
" I will visit you to-morrow under the semblance
" of a brahmin, when do you strike me several blows
" on the head with a stick, on which I will fall to
" the ground, and be converted into gold; whatever
" member you may require cut it off, and imme-
" diately its place will be supplied with another limb.
" The next day a barber was shaving the merchant's
" beard, at which time a brahmin arrived. The mer-
" chant got up, and with a stick struck the brahmin
" several times on the head, who fell on the ground
" and was changed into gold. The merchant gave
" the barber some rupees, and said, Tell not this
" *adventure* to any one. The barber concluded, that
" upon any person striking with a stick a brahmin
" he would be turned into gold. The barber went
" to his own house, when he invited several brah-
" mins, and gave a feast; after which he took up
" a stick and repeatedly belaboured the brahmins on
" their

فریاد آغاز کردند مردمان بسیار جمع شدند و
حجام را پیش حاکم بردند حاکم اورا پرسید که
چرا برهمنانرا زدي گفت که من در خانهٔ فلان
بازرگان رفته بودم برهمني پیش او آمد بازرگان چند
چوب برسر او زد برهمن زر گردید پنداشته بودم که
اگر کسي برهمني را چوب بزند برهمن زر میشود
ازین طمع من نیز برهمنانرا زدم کسي زر نگردید
بلکه فتنه واقع شد حاکم آن بازرگانرا طلبید و گفت
این حجام چه میگوید بازرگان گفت این نوکر من
بود از چند روز دیوانه گردید حاکم سخن بازرگان را
باور کرد و حجام را راند

طوطي چون این حکایت تمام کرد خجسته را گفت
حالا بر خیز خجسته بر خاست و عزم رفتن نمود در
حال خروس آواز کرد و صبح ظاهر شد رفتن او
موقوف گردید

" their heads in such a manner that their pates were
" broken, and blood flowed. The brahmins began
" to vociferate their complaints, which brought to-
" gether a crowd of people, who dragged the bar-
" ber before the magistrate. The judge asked him,
" Why did you beat the brahmins? He answered,
" Because when I was at the house of a certain mer-
" chant a brahmin entered, to whom the merchant
" gave several blows on the head with a stick;
" whereupon he was changed into gold; and I there-
" fore supposed that on any person beating a brah-
" min with a stick he would be thereby turned into
" gold: Covetous of this gain, I also beat the brah-
" mins: not one is changed into gold; but mis-
" chief has ensued. The magistrate sent for the
" merchant, and asked, What is it that this barber
" saith? The merchant replied, He was my servant,
" and some days ago went out of his mind. The
" magistrate gave credit to the merchant's assertion,
" and drove away the barber."

The parrot having finished this story, said to Khojisteh, " Now arise." She stood up, and was inclined to go, when the cock crowed, and the dawn appearing, her departure was delayed.

حکایت سي و دوم یک غوک و زنبور و مرغ که پیل را کشته بودند

چون افتاب در مغرب رفت و ماه تاب ظاهر
شد خجسته بر طوطي رفت و رخصت خواست
طوطي گفت که اي کدبانو شاد باش و هیچ فکر
مکن در کار تو البته سعي خواهم کرد و ترا بمحبوب
تو خواهم رسانید خجسته گفت که اي سبز پوش
هرچند من و تو یک دل شده کوشش و جهد
میکنم لیکن هیچ کار بر نمي آید انم که بخت من
چرا این چنین نحس شده طوطي گفت که اي
خاتون من نمداني که وقتي غوکي و زنبوري و
مرغي یکدل شده بودند و پیلي راکه مهیب ترین
جانوران است از پا در آوردند چگونه و چونست
که

TALE THE THIRTY-SECOND.

The Frog, the Bee, and the Bird, who killed the Elephant.

WHEN the sun was sunk into the west, and moonshine appeared, Khojisteh went to the parrot, and asked leave. The parrot said, " Rejoice, my mis-
" tress ! be not in the least thoughtful : I will most
" undoubtedly exert myself in your business, and
" bring about your meeting with your lover." Khojisteh answered, " O thou greencoat ! notwithstand-
" ing you and I, with one mind, exert our joint en-
" deavours, yet they produce no effect. I know not
" why my stars are so unpropitious." The parrot replied, " Know you not, madam, that, once on a
" time, a frog, a bee, and a bird, by means of their
" unanimity, vanquished an elephant, the most tre-
" mendous of all beasts : how is it, then, that our
" joint

که از من و تو کاري بر نمي اید خجسته پرسد که حکايت ان چکونه است

طوطي کفتن آغاز کرد که در شهري درختي بود چون چتر مدور دران درخت صعوه ضعيف بيضه نهاده بود روزي پيلي در انجا رسيد و تن خودرا باتنه درخت خاريدن کرفت و از آسيب زور آن بيضه از درخت بيفتاد صعوه بيچاره از غايت اضطراب مي پريد و خود را بدان شاخ ميزد و ميکريست ليکن نشه با پيل چه کند صعوه با خود کفت که دشمن قويرا بمکر و حيله دفع بايد کرد صعوه را دوستي بود که اورا مرغ دراز نوک کفتندي بر او رفت و قصه خود باز نمود و کفت که پيلي برمن تعدي کرده است حيله بکن و تدبيري بساز و انتقام من از و بخواه که دوستان بمصيبت بکار آيند مرغ کفت مهم پيل سخت کاريست از تنها راست نيايد مرا دوستي است زنبور بغايت دانا با او مشورت بکنم

" joint exertions cannot effect our purpose?" Khojisteh desiring to know the story,

The parrot began: " In a certain city was a tree
" resembling a round umbrella, wherein an inoffen-
" sive Saweh* had laid her eggs. One day an ele-
" phant came there, and began scrubbing his body
" against the trunk of the tree, and, from the vio-
" lence of the shock, the eggs fell out of the tree.
" The poor Saweh fluttered about in great perturba-
" tion, beat herself against the branches, and wept;
" but what can a flea do in opposition to an ele-
" phant? The Saweh said to herself, A powerful
" enemy must be subdued by art and stratagem.—
" She had a friend, another bird, called the Long-
" bill, to whom she repaired, and, making her com-
" plaint, said, An elephant has oppressed me! con-
" trive some stratagem to revenge me on nim; for
" friends are serviceable to us when we are labour-
" ing under misfortunes. The bird said, It is an
" arduous undertaking to war with an elephant, and
" without assistance cannot succeed. I have a friend,
" a Bee, who is remarkable for his wisdom; him I

* A little bird, resembling a sparrow, with a red head.

بلنم پس آنها پیش زنبور رفتند و احوال را ظاهر
نمودند زنبور چون این قصه شنید ترسید و گفت
که مدت است که درکار دوستان کمر بسته ام اما
مرا دوستی است سردار شکر غوک این قصه با و
باز باید گرد پس صعوه و زنبور و درازنوک
هر سه بر غوک رفتند و احوال باز نمودند و از و
مدد خواستند غوک بر شکستن بیضه بسیار تاسف
کرد و گفت که خاطر جمعدارید بحیله کوه را پست
توان ساخت پس غوک گفت که براي دفع پیل
حیلهٔ در خاطر میگذرد و آن اینست که زنبور
نزدیک گوش پیل رود و اورا از آواز نرم خود
مست کند چون پیل مست شود مرغ دراز نوک
بنوک منقار خود هر دو چشم او بر کشد و جهان
روشن بر او تاریک سازد چون چند روز بگذرد و
تشنگي بر و غالب شود من بیایم و پیش او
آواز کنم او آواز من بشنا سد و در دل خود
گوید که غوک جا ئیکه بود آنجا آب باشد پس
ونبال

" will consult. They accordingly went together to
" the bee, and set forth all the circumstances. When
" he heard the case, he expressed his apprehensions,
" and said, I have long devoted myself to the service
" of my friends; however, out of sincere regard, I
" wish that this story may be told to the general of
" the army of frogs. Thereupon the Saweh, the Bee,
" and the Longbill, all three went together to the
" Frog; they acquainted him with the particulars,
" and entreated his assistance. The frog expressed
" great concern at the destruction of the eggs, and
" said, Make your mind easy; for, by art, even a
" mountain may be levelled. The frog added, There
" now occurs to my mind a stratagem whereby the
" elephant may be overcome, and which is this: Let
" the bee approach the elephant's ear, and vex him
" with a continued gentle buzzing; and when he is
" furious, the bird with the long bill shall apply the
" point of his beak to the elephant's eyes, and pluck
" them both out, and turn his light in this world
" into darkness. Some days afterwards, when he
" is tormented with thirst, I will get before him,
" and begin croaking; he will know my voice, and
" say to himelf, There must be water in a place

دنبال من روان شود من اورا بجاي اوكنم كه
اواز انجا بر خاستن نتواند و آواز او كسي نشنود
و چند روز فاقه كشيده از خود هلاك شود پس
انها همچنان كردند و پيل را بحيله و فريب هلاك
ساختند

چون طوطي اين حكايت تا اينجا رسانيده خجسته را
كفت كه دوسه جانور ضعيف همت بستند و آن
چنان پيل را هلاك نمودند ما دو كس همت مي
بنديم چون است كه غرض حاصل نشود و حالا
زود بر خيز و جانب معشوق برو خجسته خواست
كه برود همانـدم خروس آواز كرد و صبح ظاهر شد
رفتن او موقوف كرديد

" where there are frogs: then, following me, he
" shall plunge into such a place that he shall not
" be able to get out of it; and as no one shall hear
" his cry, after striving some days he will die of him-
" self. Thus they acted; and by art and stratagem
" killed the elephant."

The parrot, having brought the tale to this part, said to Khojisteh, " Two or three feeble animals
" formed a resolution, and destroyed such a mighty
" elephant. We two persons, with our resolutions,
" how can we fail accomplishing our desire? Now
" arise quickly and go to your lover." Khojisteh wanted to have gone; at that instant the cock crowed, and the dawn appearing, her departure was deferred.

حکایت سي و سیوم فغفور چین و عاشق شدن او بخواب بر ملکه روم

چون آفتاب غروب شد و ماه طلوع نمود خجسته متفکر بر طوطي رفت و کفت اي رفیق شنیده‌ام که یکي از بزرکان پرسید که عشق چیست کفت عشق مرکي است در زیست اکنون این عشق کار من بجائي رسانیده که آینده ترک عشق میخواهم که بکیرم و نام عشق نبرم طوطي کفت اي خجسته از کفتن و کردن بسیار تفاوت است عشق را با صبر چه نسبت و عاشق بي معشوق چکونه زید اکر زن بي مرد ماندي ملکه بي شوي بودي هرچند که سالها از مرد اختیار کرده بود آخر شوي کرد خجسته پرسید که حکایت او چکونه است

طوطي

TALE THE THIRTY-THIRD.

The Emperor of China, in a dream, falls in love with the Queen of Room.

WHEN the sun had set, and the moon was risen, Khojisteh, full of thought, went to the parrot, and said, " O thou, who art my associate! I have heard
" that some one asked a great man, What is love?
" He answered, Love is a kind of death in the midst
" of life. Now this same love, which is my occu-
" pation, is arrived at such a pitch that I wish to
" relinquish it altogether, and not even to mention
" the word *love* in future." The parrot said, " O
" Khojisteh, there is a wide difference between speak-
" ing and acting. What relation hath love with pa-
" tience? and can the lover exist without the mis-
" tress? If a woman could live (continued he) uncon-
" nected with man, then the queen of Room had re-
" mained single; but notwithstanding she had for
" years felt an aversion towards man, she at last
" took unto herself a husband." Khojisteh asked—
" What kind of story is this?"

طوطي گفت چنين گويند که وقتي فغفور چين را
وزيري بود دانا روزي فغفور چين در خواب
بود آن وقت وزير براي مصلحت ملکي بيامد و
فغفور را بيدار کرد فغفور چون بيدار شد تيغ
بر کشيد و دنبال وزير کرد وزير از پيش او گريخت
و خود را در خانه ديگر افکند فغفور دست بزد و
جامه بدريد و غوغا کرد ارکان دولت گفتند که ترا
چه شده است گفت که مرا اين لحظه در خواب
جاي نمود در انجا زني را ديدم که گاهي چنين زن
خوبصورت نديده بودم گاهي او بر دست من بوسه
ميداد و گاهي من سر خود در پاي او مي نهادم
درين اثنا وزير مرا از خواب بيدار کرد القصه
فغفور همه وقت آن صورت را ياد ميکرد و اورا
وزيري ديگر نقاش پيشه بود فغفور چنانچه صورت
آن زن تقرير کرد وزير تصوير آن کشيد و در راه
صومعه ساخت همه روز انجا بودي و هرکه از راه
دور رسيدي آن تصويررا بدو نمودي و گفتي که
شما

The parrot said—" It is thus related: Once on
" a time, there was an emperor of China, who had
" a wise vizier. One day, when the emperor was
" asleep, the vizier, having come to consult him on
" some affairs of government, awaked him. The
" emperor, on being roused from his sleep, drew his
" sword, and pursued the vizier, who fled from his
" presence, and escaped into another house. The
" emperor smote his hands together, rent his gar-
" ments, and uttered exclamations. The ministers
" of state said, What has befallen you? He an-
" swered, At that juncture I saw in a dream a place
" where was a woman surpassing in beauty all I
" have ever beheld. Sometimes she kissed my hands,
" and sometimes I placed my head on her feet;
" at that instant the vizier awaked me out of the
" dream. In short, the emperor was continually
" contemplating that form. He had another vizier,
" who was a skilful limner; to him he described
" the face, and the vizier drew the picture. He
" erected a hermitage on the high road, where he
" attended every day; and to every person who ar-
" rived from a distant country he shewed this pic-
" ture, and asked, Have you seen or heard of any

شما مثل این تصویر زني دیده اید یا شنیده اید
اما هیچ کس نمیکفت بعد مدت سیاحي دران
صومعه در آمد وزیر آن تصویر بد و نمود و از و
نشان او پرسید سیاح کفت که من این صورت
را خوب میدانم این صورت ملکه روم است
بعده تعریف او بسیار کرد و کفت که با این همه
حسن نام شوهر نمیکیرد وزیر کفت هیچ میداني
که او چرا شوهر نمیخواهد کفت میدانم و آن
آنست که وقتي ملکه بر منظري نشسته بود همدر
ان منظر باغي داشت دران باغ بالاي درختي
طاؤس بیضه نهاده بود ناکاه دران باغ آتش
افتاد همه درخت سوختن کرفت چون آتش
نزدیک آن درخت رفت نر طاؤس تاب آتش
نیاورده بي شفقت وار از اشیانه بیرون شد
ماده از محبت بیضه نزدیک بیضه ماند و سوخت
ملکه چون آن بي دردي نر دید کفت که مردان
بسیار بي وفا اند من با خود عهد کردم که نام مرد
هرکز

" woman resembling this portrait? But no person
" answered in the affirmative. After some time, a
" traveller came into the hermitage, to whom the
" vizier shewed the portrait, and asked him about
" it. The traveller said, I know this face very well;
" this is the portrait of the Queen of Room: after
" this, he was lavish in her praise, and said, With all
" this beauty she will not marry. The vizier asked,
" Do you know any reason why she does not like
" to marry? He answered, I do know the reason,
" which is this: Once on a time the queen was sit-
" ing in a summer-house situated in a garden, where,
" on the top of a tree, a peahen had deposited her
" eggs. Suddenly the garden was struck with light-
" ning, which burnt all the trees; when, the flames
" approaching that tree, the peacock, unable to sup-
" port the heat of the fire, inhumanely quitted the
" nest; but the hen, from her affection for the eggs,
" remained with them and was burnt. When the
" queen saw this want of feeling in the male, she
" exclaimed, Men are very faithless! I vow to my-
" self never to speak of a man! Accordingly years
" have elapsed without her having mentioned the
" name of a man. When the vizier heard this dis-

" course,

هرگز نگیرم چنانچه سالها شد که نام مرد نمیگیرد
وزیر چون این سخن شنید نزدیک فغفور رفت
وگفت ازان روز که پادشاه صورت را در خواب
دید تصویر آن بر کاغذ نقش کرده در راه نشسته
بودم هر که از دور میرسید از و نشان آن صورت
مي پرسیدم امروز سیاحي رسید و تصویر آن صورت
بدو نمودم او گفت که این تصویر ملکهٔ روم است
فغفور ازین سخن بسیار خوش شد و گفت
که امروز کسي را طرف روم باید فرستاد که ملکه را
براي ما بخواهد وزیر گفت که ملکه با خود عهد کرده
است که هرگز شوي نخواهد کرد فغفور گفت
ملکه را درین چه راز است وزیر انچه از سیاح قصهٔ
طاوس شنیده بود بیان نمود فغفور گفت چه باید
کرد وزیر گفت اگر حکم شود من روم و تصویر
تو باو نمایم چنانکه در خواب تو بر صورت او
عاشق شدي او در بیداري بر تو عاشق شود
فغفور گفت نیکو باشد وزیر در حال رخصت
شد

" course, he went to the emperor and said, From
" the day that I drew the picture of the woman
" whom your Majesty saw in a dream, I have been
" stationed on the road; and whenever a traveller
" arrived from afar, I asked him if he knew such
" a face. To-day arrived a traveller, to whom I
" shewed the picture, and he said, This is the por-
" trait of the Queen of Room. The emperor was
" highly pleased at this discovery, and said, This very
" day some person must be sent to the territory of
" Room, to require the queen in marriage for me.
" The vizier said, The queen has agreed with her-
" self never to accept of a husband. The emperor
" asked, What mystery is there in this resolution
" formed by the queen? The vizier related, as he
" had heard from the traveller, the story of the pea-
" cock. The emperor said, What ought to be done?
" The vizier answered, If I am commanded, I my-
" self will go, and shew her your picture; and, as
" you fell in love with her appearance in a dream,
" she, whilst awake, will be enamoured of your por-
" trait. The emperor replied, It will be well. The
" vizier immediately took his leave, and set out for

" Room,

شد و بطرف روم رفت و خود را بنقاش مشهور
کرد چون ملک خبر هنر او شنید فرمود که اورا
بیارید تا در خانه من نقش بندي کند و هر صورتیکه
تواند در ایوان من نکارد وزیر در ایوان ملک رفت
و تصویر فغفور و جانوران در کوشکي نقش کرد
ملک چون آن تصاویر دید متعجب شد و پرسید
که این تصویر کیست و این جاي کدام است
وزیر کفت تصویر فغفور چین است و این کوشک
و این جانوران و آهوان و بچه کان اواند روزي
فغفور بر بالاخانه نشسته بود زیر منظر آهوئي بچه
آورد اتفاقا سیل دریا در رسید مادهٔ آهوتاب آن
آب نیاورده مانند بي درد از بچکان جدا شد و
آن صورت ماده است که میکریزد لیکن نر از
نهایت درد نزدیک بچکان ماند و با بچکان غرق
شد اي ملکه ازان روز که فغفور ازان ماده این
چنین بي دردي دید نام زن نمیکرد ملکه چون
این حکایت بشنید و قصهٔ فغفور همچو قصه خود دید
کفت

" Room, where he passed himself off for a painter.
" When the queen heard of his skill, she commanded
" him to be brought, in order that he might exer-
" cise his art in her palace, and decorate it with as
" many portraits as he was able to delineate. The
" vizier repaired to the queen's palace, and painted
" the emperor's portrait, with the beasts in the me-
" nagerie. The queen, on viewing these paintings,
" was struck with amazement; she asked, Whose
" picture is that, and what place is here represented?
" The vizier answered, It is the portrait of the Em-
" peror of China; this is his bull; and these are his
" beasts, deer and fawns. One day, as the empe-
" ror was sitting in a balcony belonging to a sum-
" mer-house, a deer brought thither a fawn. Sud-
" denly the river overflowed its banks, when the doe,
" not having resolution to face the water, separated
" herself at a distance from her young; that is the
" representation of the female running away: but
" the buck, having more natural affection, staid there
" with the fawn and was drowned. May it please
" your Majesty, from the day he saw such inhu-
" manity committed by the doe, he has never men-
" tioned the name of woman. When the queen had

" heard

کفت اي نقاش احوال پادشاه همچو حال
من مينمايد من بي رحمي طاؤس نر ديده ترک
مرد کردم و او بي دردي مادهٔ آهو ديده نام زنان
نميکيرد اکر ميان ما و او مناکحت شود چه خوش
باشد القصه روز ديکر ملکه رسولي بر فغفور چين
فرستاد و خود را در نکاح او رضا داد طوطي چون
اين حکايت تا اينجا رسانيد با خجسته کفت که اي
کدبانو تو ميکوئي که من ترک دوست کنم اکر
کسي را اين دعوي مستقيم شدي ملکه روم با
فغفور چين شادي نکردي تو نيز بر خيز و جانب
دوست خود روان شو خجسته خواست که همچنان
کند در حال خروس آواز کرد و صبح ظاهر شد
رفتن او موقوف کرديد

" heard this relation, and perceived that the empe-
" ror's adventure was similar to her own, she said
" to the painter, The emperor's case is parallel with
" mine: I, from having seen the inhumanity of the
" peacock, forsook the society of man; whilst he,
" on viewing the insensibility of the doe, resolved
" not to mention the name of woman. If an alli-
" ance could be formed between us, how delightful
" it would be! In short, the next day, the queen
" sent an ambassador to the emperor of China, and
" consented to marry him."

When the parrot had proceeded thus far with the tale, he observed to Khojisteh, " My mistress, you
" say you will abandon your friend; if every person
" had persisted in this course, the Queen of Room
" would not have married the Emperor of China.
" Get up now, and be going to your friend." Khojisteh wanted to have done so; instantly the cock crowed, and the dawn appearing, her departure was deferred.

حکایت سي وچهارم کوزن و یک دراز کوش وکرفتار شدن انها

چون افتاب غروب شد و ماه بر آمد خجسته
طلب اجازت بر طوطي رفت و کفت اي محرم
راز من چنین شنیده‌ام که عمر عبد العزیز نه در
شب خفتي نه در روز اورا کفتندي که چرا وقتي
نخسپي کفت اکر در شب خسپم عبادت خدا شود
و اکر روز خسپم رعیت خراب شود بنابران
نمي خسپم اي طوطي من نیز مي ترسم اکر فرمان
بر داري دوست کنم شوي از دست رود و اکر
در عهد شوهر باشم دوست آزرده و رنجیده شود
و میخواهم که ترک هردو کنم و در پردهٔ عصمت
باشم طوطي کفت اي خجسته عصمت مطلوب
است

TALE THE THIRTY-FOURTH.

The Elk and the Ass, who are both taken Prisoners.

WHEN the sun was set, and the moon appeared, Khojisteh went to the parrot to ask leave, and said, " Thou who art the depository of my secret, I have " thus heard—That Omar Abdullah ul Azeez slept " neither day nor night. They asked him, Why do " not you sleep at some *appointed* time? He an- " swered, If I should sleep during the night, God " would not be worshipped; and were I to take " rest in the day-time, my subjects would suffer: " therefore I do not take any *regular* rest. O par- " rot! I also am afraid that, by obliging my friend, " I may lose my husband; and that if I am faith- " ful to him, my lover will be jealous and dissatis- " fied: I therefore wish to relinquish both, and con- " ceal myself with the veil of chastity." The par-

rot

است اما هرچیزیرا وقتي است درین وقت همچنان
نا خوش مینماید که ازان دراز کوش سرود
ناخوش نموده بود خجسته پرسید که چکونه آن
قصه بوده است

طوطي کفت چنین کویند که وقتي در از کوش
با کوزني دوستي داشت و در چرا کاه یکجا بودندي
شبي در از کوش و کوزن در زمان ربیع
میچریدند ناکاه دراز کوش خوش شد و کفت
اي کوزن در چنین شب خوش که باغ عطر پیز
است و هوا مشک ریز است اکر من سرود نمایم
چه خوش باشد کوزن کفت اي در از کوش
این چه سخن است که تو میکویي تو سخن از
پالان و کاذر بکو هیچ آواز از آواز تو درشت تر
نیست خررا با سرود چه کار من و تو درین باغ
بدزدي آمده ایم اکر تو این دم درین باغ در بانک
آئي باغبان بیدار شود و مردمان دیکررا آواز دهد
پس من و تو کرفتار شویم و این بدان مانند است
که

rot said, " Khojisteh, continence is very commend-
" able, but there is a time for all things ; at pre-
" sent, it is as unpleasant as the ass's song." Kho-
jisteh asked, " What kind of story is that ?"

The parrot said—They have thus related: Once
" on a time, an ass had contracted friendship with an
" elk, and they grazed together on the same spot.
" One night, in the season of spring, the ass and
" the elk happened to be grazing together. All of
" a sudden the ass was in high spirits, and said to
" the elk, In this delightful night, whilst the garden
" diffuses its sweets, and the air scatters musk all
" around us, if I were to sing, how pleasant it would
" be! The elk said to the ass, What discourse are
" you uttering ? You may be able to converse about
" pack-saddles and fullers, but your voice is harsh
" beyond all comparison ; what business has an ass
" with singing ? We have got into this garden by
" stealth, and if you should now begin braying, the
" gardener, being awakened, will call other men to
" his assistance, when you and I shall be made pri-
" soners. Just as when some thieves, having got
" into the house of a rich man, found in a corner
" a vessel full of wine, which having seized, and

" placed

که وقتي دزدي چند در خانه دولت مندي رفتند و در
کوشه خانه يک قرابه پراز شراب يافتند و آن
را کرفته پيش خودها نهادند و کفتند تا وقت دزدي
شود حالا شراب نخوريم چون بخوردند غوغا کردند
و سرود نمودند خداوند خانه بيدار شده خادمان
خود را جمع کرد و دزدان را کرفت و بست دراز
کوش کفت من شهري ام و تو بياباني و قدر
سرود چه داني من سرود خواهم کرد ترا بشنيدن
چه ميشود القصه دراز کوش سرود آغاز کرد و
باغبان وصاحب خانه بيدار شد و هر دورا بست
طوطي چون اين سخن تمام کرد خجسته را کفت
که اي کدبانو هر که موافق وقت کار نکند چنين
بيند تو همه وقت را نکاهدار و برخيز و زود جانب
دوست خود برو خجسته خواست که برود همانده
خروس آواز کرد و صبح ظاهر شد رفتن او
موقوف کرديد

" placed before them, they said, Let us now drink
" this liquor, till it shall be time to commit the rob-
" bery. When they had drunken the wine, they
" began to bawl and to sing: the master of the house
" awoke, gathered together his servants, seized the
" thieves, and put them in bonds. The ass replied,
" I am a citizen, and you a country boor; what
" judge are you of singing? Positively I will sing:
" what harm will it do you to hear me? In short,
" the ass began braying, which awakened the gar-
" dener and the master of the house, who bound
" them both."

The parrot having finished this discourse, said to Khojisteh, " My mistress, whosoever doth not act con-
" formably to circumstances will meet with this fate;
" I would, therefore, advise you to observe all times.
" Arise, and go quickly to your friend." Khojisteh wanted to have gone:—at that instant the cock crowed, and the dawn appearing, her departure was deferred.

حکایت سي و پنجم یک پادشاه و عاشق شدن او و کشته شدن خجسته از دست میمون

چون آفتاب بمغرب رفت و ماه از مشرق برآمد خجسته بر طوطي رفت و کفت اي طوطي چند شب است که پیش تو مي آیم و بي مراد میروم حق نمک من نکاهدار و چندین نمک در ریش من مریز جلد مرا اجازت ده. طوطي کفت اي کدبانو امشب بهر طوریکه تواني جانب دوست خودرا رسان لیکن اکر غیري از من بر راز خبر دار شود آن تدبیر کن که دختر قیصر روم بان پاکدامني خود ظاهر ساخت خجسته پرسید که آن چکونه بود

طوطي اغاز کرد که وقتي پادشاهي بود نزدیک ولایت روم روزي وزیر به پادشاه کفت که قیصر

روم

TALE THE THIRTY-FIFTH.

A King falls in love.—Khojisteh is put to death by the hands of Miemun.

WHEN the sun descended into the west, and the moon appeared in the east, Khojisteh went to the parrot, and said, " I have waited on you many nights " and go away without accomplishing my desire: " preserve thy allegiance to my salt: sprinkle not " so much salt upon my wound, but quickly give " me leave." The parrot said, " My mistress, this " night I will exert every means in my power, and " carry you to your lover. However, if you disco- " ver your secret to any one besides myself, con- " trive like the daughter of the Emperor of Room, " who established her reputation for virtue." Khojisteh asked, " How is that?

The parrot began: " Once on a time there was " a king whose dominions bordered on the territory

روم دختري دارد ماه‌رو اکر آن دختري به پادشاه
بدهد خوب است پادشاه سخن وزير به پسنديد
در حال رسولي با تحفه نزد قيصر روم فرستاد و در
خواست دختر نمود قيصررا اين سخن خوش نيامد
رسول بي مقصد بازکشت پادشاه بالشکر بسيار
طرف روم رفت و ملک را خراب ساخت
چون قيصر روم عاجز شد دختر خود را بپادشاه
داد دخترراً از شوي اول پسري بود قيصر
روم با دختر خود کفت تو هرکز اين ذکر پيش
پادشاه نکني دختر چون بخانهٔ پادشاه آمد
هميشه از جدائي فرزند در غم مي بود و ميخواست
که بکسي طور ذکر فرزند بحضور پادشاه نمايد اتفاقا
پادشاه روزي پراز جواهر درجي باو بخشيد زن
کفت نزد پدر من غلامي است علم شناختن
جواهر خوب دارد اکر او اين لحظه اينجا ميشد
از نيک و بد جواهر به تفصيل ميکفت پادشاه
کفت اکر از پدر تو آن غلام را بخواهم مرا بدهد

زن

" of Room. One day the vizier said to the king: The
" emperor of Room has a beautiful daughter; it would
" be well were he to give her in marriage to your
" majesty. The king was pleased at the vizier's dis-
" course, and immediately sent an ambassador to the
" emperor of Room, with valuable presents, and to
" ask his daughter in marriage. The emperor of
" Room was not satisfied with the proposal. On
" that the ambassador returned, without having ef-
" fected his purpose. The king, with a large army,
" invaded the territory of Room, and desolated the
" country. The emperor of Room, being reduced to
" great straits, gave his daughter to the king. The
" princess had a son by a former marriage; which
" circumstance the emperor, her father, charged her
" never to divulge to the king. When she came to
" the king's palace, she was continually grieving at
" being separated from her son. She wanted to
" contrive some means of discovering the affair to
" the king. It happened that one day the king having
" made her a present of a casket full of jewels, she
" said, My father has a slave very skilful in jewels;
" if he were now here, he would discriminate mi-
" nutely between the good and the bad. The king

" said,

زن کفت ني زيرا که اورا بجاي پسر پرورده
است اکر پادشاه را ارزوي اوست تا سن بازرکاني
طرف او فرستم و نشان خود بدو بدهم و بوعده
بهتري اورا اميد وار نمايم شايد بيايد پس
پادشاه بازرکاني دانا معه مال تجارت جانب روم
فرستاد دختر قيصر با بازرکان کفت که او غلام
نيست فرزند من است براي مصلحتي با پادشاه
کفته ام که غلام است بايد که اورا چون غلام
نياري القصه بازرکان بعد چند روز اورا بحضرت
پادشاه آورد پادشاه چون روي خوب و هنر او ديد
بسيار خوش شد و بازرکان را خلعت و انعام
داد مادر اواز دور اورا ميديد و بلامي و پيامي
خوش مي بود اتفاقا روزي پادشاه براي شکار
رفت زن فرزند خود را اندرون طلبيده سر و روي
اورا ببوسيد و غم کذشته با و کفت دربان بدين
سر مطلع شد اورا کمان بد شد پادشاه چون
پرسيد انچه ديده بود همه بکفت پادشاه بر اشفت

" said, If I were to ask that slave of your father,
" would he part with him to me? She answered,
" No; because he considers him as his adopted son:
" but if your majesty is desirous to have him, I will
" send a merchant with certain tokens from me to
" him, and who, alluring him by promises of promo-
" tion, may perhaps engage him to come. Accord-
" ingly the king sent to Room an intelligent merchant,
" with articles of trade. The emperor's daughter
" said *privately* to the merchant, He is not a slave,
" but my own son, although, for particular reasons,
" I have told the king he is a bondman; you must
" not treat him like a slave. In short, the mer-
" chant, after some time had elapsed, brought him
" to the king, who, on beholding his beautiful coun-
" tenance, and perceiving his good capacity, was
" greatly pleased, and bestowed on the merchant a
" dress of state, with other valuable gifts. The
" youth's mother saw him from a distance, and was
" delighted with salutations and messages. It hap-
" pened that one day, when the king went a hunting,
" the wife called her son into the palace, kissed his
" head and face, and, bidding adieu to sorrow, con-
" versed with him freely. The porter being ap-
" prised

و در دل خود کفت که این زن بمکر محبوب
خودرا اینجا طلبیده است درحال درون حرم رفت
زن بفراست دریافت که احوال دوشینه بادشاه‌را
معلوم شده کفت چرا متفکر هستی پادشاه
کفت چرا متفکر نشوم تو بمکر معشوق خودرا از
روم اینجا طلبیدي و با اوهم بستر شوي این
چه شوخي و بي شرمي بود خواست که تا اورا
سیاست کند لیکن چون بر و عاشق بود
سیاست نکرد با خود کفت که کینهٔ اوازین کودک
باید کشید پس یکي را فرمود که این غلام را
دریک کوشه ببرو درحال سرش جدا کن آن
مرد چون اورا ازان جا برد با او کفت اي کودک
ترا معلوم نبود که زن پادشاه است چرا اندرون
رفتي کفت که من فرزند حقیقي آن زن از شوي
دیکر هستم و او مادر من از شرم بپادشاه نکفت
اکر بکشي و اکر نکشي اختیار تست انچه راست
بود من کفتم کشنده چون این سخن بشنید
مهرباني

" prised of this mystery, entertained unfavourable
" suspicions; and when the king returned, told him
" what he had discovered. The king was afflicted,
" and said to himself, This woman, by practising de-
" ceit, has brought her lover here. Immediately he
" entered the haram; the woman, plainly perceiving
" that the king had learnt the circumstances of the
" preceding night, said, Why are you thoughtful?
" The king rejoined, Why should I not be thought-
" ful? You, by your artifice, have called your gal-
" lant hither from Room, and have lain with him:
" what audaciousness and impudence is this? He
" wanted to have punished her, but was restrained
" by his affection. He said to himself, I must re-
" venge myself on this boy. He accordingly said
" to some one, Take this boy into a private place,
" and immediately separate his head from his body.
" The man, when he took him from thence, said to
" him, O youth! were you not apprised that she is
" the king's wife, and why did you go in? He said,
" I am her own son by a former husband; she is
" my mother; through delicacy she avoided men-
" tioning it to the king. You have the power either
" to kill me, or to spare my life; I have told the

" truth.

مهرباني برو غالب شد با خود کفت که شايد روزي
اين راز بپادشاه ظاهر شود و کودک از من بخواهد
آنوقت پشيماني کردد بهتر آنست که چند روز
کودک را نبايد کشت القصه انرا نکشت و روز
ديکر پيش پادشاه رفت و کفت که کودک را
کشتم پادشاه را اندکي غصه کم شد ليکن اعتماد
زن نماند دختر قيصر حيران شد که اين چه پيش
آمد پسر کشته شد و شوي از دست رفت درون
خانه زني بود پير روزي با دختر قيصر کفت که ترا
متفکر مي بينم او تمام قصه خود بازن پير بکفت
زن مذکور کفت خاطر جمعدار چنان حيله خواهم
کرد که دل پادشاه از تو خوش خواهد شد دختر
قيصر کفت اي مادر اين دردرا دوائي کن من
دامن و جيب تو پراز جواهر خواهم کرد القصه روزي
پير زال پادشاه را تنها ديد پرسيد که پادشاه را متفکر
مي بينم پادشاه کفت اي مادر مرا درديست نا
کفتني و آن اينست که زن من غلامي را که
عاشق

" truth. The executioner, on hearing these words,
" was filled with compassion, and said to himself,
" Perhaps this secret will one day be discovered to
" the king, who may require the boy at my hands,
" and will then repent. It is, at all events, most
" adviseable that this boy should not be killed for
" some time: in short, he did not put him to death.
" The next day he went to the king and said, I have
" killed the boy. The king's anger was a little
" abated, but he had no confidence remaining in his
" wife. The queen wondered what would be the
" issue; her son being slain, and her husband's af-
" fection lost. In the palace was an old woman,
" who said to the queen, I perceive you are full of
" thought. She communicated to the old woman
" the whole of her story. The old woman said,
" Set your heart at ease; I will cor rive it so, that
" the king will be pleased with you. The queen
" answered, O mother! only ease this pain, and I
" will fill your lap and pockets with jewels. In short,
" one day the old woman perceiving the king thought-
" ful, said. I observe that your majesty is sad. The
" king answered, Alas! my mother, I have a pain
" which cannot be fully described; and which is

عاشق او بود از روم طلبید من آن غلام را کشتم
اما دل نمیخواهد که زن را بکشم زیرا که راست
است یا دروغ زن پیر کفت من تعویزي دارم
چون زن تو در خواب شود بر سینه او بنه هرچه
خواهد بود در خواب راست خواهد کفت پادشاه
کفت زود آن تعویز را بیار زن پیر در حال به
پادشاه داد و نزد دختر قیصر رفت و کفت پادشاه
چون تعویز بر سینهٔ تو نهد تو خودرا در خواب
ساز و آن قصه تمام راست بکو چون پاسي از
شب بکذشت پادشاه آن تعویز را بر سینه زن
نهاد زن قصه شوي سابق و پسر خود یک یک
کفت پادشاه چون قصه بشنید روي و موي زن
ببوسید و کفت چرا این راز بمن نکفتي زن
کفت مرا شرم آمد پادشاه در حال کشندهٔ
کودک را طلبید و کفت کودک را تو کشتي کور
او کجات آنمرد کفت که آنرا تا هنوز نکشته ام
زنده است پس پادشاه بسیار خوش شد

و

" this—My wife sent to Room for a slave, who is
" her gallant; I have killed the slave, but cannot
" prevail on myself to put to death my wife; because
" my suspicions may be true, or they may be false.
" The old woman said, I have an amulet; when
" your wife is asleep, place it on her bosom, and
" whatever she says in her sleep will be true. The
" king said, Bring the amulet quickly. The old
" woman gave it to the king immediately; and then
" going to the queen, told her, When the king shall
" place the amulet on your bosom, feign yourself
" asleep, and tell the whole story truly. After the
" first watch of the night, the king having placed the
" amulet on his wife's bosom, she related all the par-
" ticulars about her former husband, and her son.
" When the king comprehended the story, he kissed
" his wife's face and hair, and said, Why did you con-
" ceal from me this secret? The wife said, Because
" I was ashamed. The king immediately sent for
" the murderer, and said, Where is the tomb of the
" youth you killed? The man answered, I did not
" kill him; he is still alive. The king was greatly
" delighted hereat, and immediately ordered the boy
" to be produced. The man brought him, and when

" the

و در حال کودک را طلبید و بیاورد مادرش چون
پسر را دید در کنار گرفت و شکر خدا گفت
چون طوطي سخن تا انجا رسانید با خجسته گفت
که اي کدبانو ترا نیز اگر کاري مشکل پیش اید
چنین حیله پاکي خود ظاهر کن اکنون بر خیز و جانب
دوست خود برو خجسته خواست که برود در حال
خروس آواز کرد و صبح ظاهر شد رفتن او موقوف
گردید

اتفاقا همان روز میمون از سفر باز آمد چون
شارک را ندید اول احوال شارک پرسید که شارک
کجاست هنوز خجسته لب بپاسخ نگشاده بود که طوطي
گفت که همه احوال شارک و خجسته از من پرس
میمون گفت بگو طوطي همه احوال عاشق شدن
خجسته بر جواني و کشته شدن شارک از دست
خجسته از آغاز تا انجام با میمون گفت میمون في
الحال خجسته را بکشت و هلاک ساخت

تمام شد

" the mother saw her son, she embraced him, and
" praised God."

The parrot, having brought the tale to this period, said to Khojisteh, " My mistress, do you also, " if any difficulty should occur, assert your own " purity. Now arise, and go to your friend." Khojisteh wanted to have gone; instantly the cock crowed, and dawn appearing, her departure was deferred.

It so happened that on that very day Miemun returned from his journey. Upon not seeing the Sharuck, he asked what was become of her? Khojisteh had not yet opened her lips in order to have given an answer, when the parrot said, " Require " of me a relation of all the adventures of the Sha- " ruck and of Khojisteh." Miemun said, " Speak!" The parrot related to Miemun, from beginning to end, all the particulars of Khojisteh falling in love with the young man, and how the Sharuck was killed by the hands of Khojisteh. Miemun immediately put an end to the life of Khojisteh.

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